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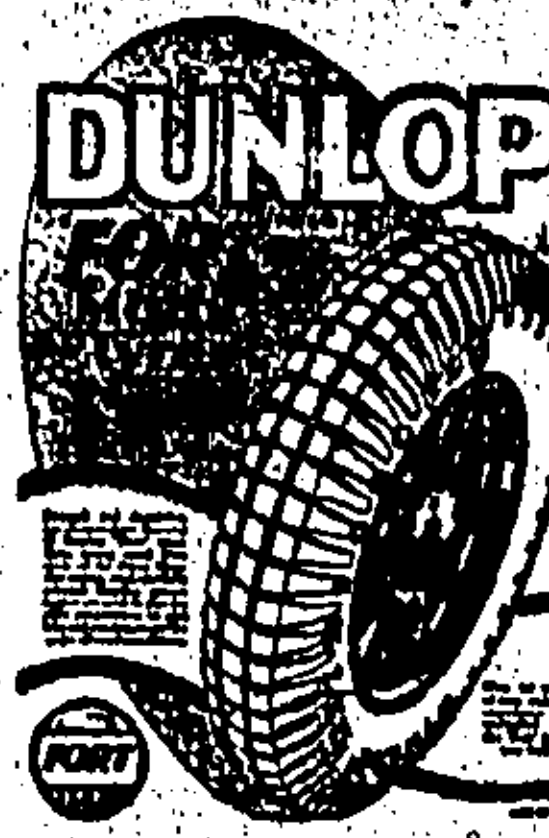
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## H.M.S. POSEIDON SUNK OFF WEI-HAI-WEI

### GOES DOWN WITH 18 HANDS

### SUBMARINE RAMMED BY CHINESE STEAMER.

## FLEET RUSHED TO THE RESCUE

News of a Naval disaster in which H.M. submarine Poseidon was sunk, eighteen ratings going down with the ship, is reported in the Colony this morning. The Poseidon, it is stated, was involved in a collision with the Chinese steamer Yuta, at a point 10 miles North of Wei-hai-wei, at 12.45 p.m. yesterday. The steamer rammed the submarine, which went to the bottom in 20 fathoms of water.

Of the complement of five officers and about 50 ratings, it is officially stated that all the officers are saved, and thirty of the ratings were rescued. Unfortunately, two of the ratings saved have since died. Eighteen men are missing.

Diving operations are now being carried out, but up to the present the wreck has not been located, although bubbles could still be seen at 9 o'clock last night.

## LATEST TYPE OF VESSEL

A British Wireless message states that the Poseidon was one of the largest and latest submarines. She was a vessel of 1,475 tons, and carried one four-inch gun. She was commissioned (on March 30 last year) at Barrow, joining the 4th Submarine Flotilla on the China Station on February 23 this year. Her commander is Lieut.-Commander B. W. Galpin, other officers being Lieut. C. W. Greening, N. W. Fisher, R. T. Shaw, and Commander Engineer W. C. Richards.

Naval Vessels on the Scene. All His Majesty's ships up North, including the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Hermes, the cruiser H.M.S. Cumberland and H.M.S. Berwick, together with the submarine parent ship H.M.S. Medway, the destroyer H.M.S. Stormcloud, the sloop H.M.S. Marazion, and the Naval tug St. Brock, have arrived on the scene of the disaster.

King's Sympathy. H.M. the King has sent to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Nore, respectively, a message of his deep sympathy together with that of H.M. the Queen, for the families of all those who are missing from the submarine.

Colours will be at half-mast from 8 o'clock this morning, until sunset, throughout the China Station to-day.

The Poseidon and her sister submarine the Perseus, left Hong Kong on April 30 for the North. The ship's complement are all equipped with the Davis escape apparatus, which consists primarily of a cylinder containing oxygen, which is breathed in through the mouth after the manner of a gas mask, there being a clip provided for the nose. Details as to the actual disaster are not yet available.

Wreck Located. It is officially stated that the wreck of the Poseidon has been located. Efforts are being made to-day to raise her.

The message adds that H.M.S. Poseidon was on the surface at the time of the collision. The majority of the survivors were apparently thrown into the water, and were picked up by the s.s. Yuta.

However, six men were left to escape later, in two batches of two and four respectively. They owe their lives to the use of the Davis Submarine Escape Apparatus. The first batch reached the surface approximately two hours and a quarter after the disaster, the remaining four being picked up three hours and a quarter after the Poseidon was rammed. These two batches of men were picked up by boats from British warships, which ceaselessly patrolled the area.

Dead and Missing. The following two ratings, who died after being rescued, were both married men:—  
A.B.A. J. Lewis, Chatham.  
Stoker, Albert R. Winter, Chatham.  
The names of the missing ratings (with depots) are as follows:—

Married.

E.R.A. 2 Albert V. Paine, Portsmouth.

E.R.A. 3 William H. H. Pike, Chatham.

P.O. Thomas V. Grills, Portsmouth.

Leading Stoker Harold Cliff, Devonport.

Leading Stoker Ernest G. Gaines, Portsmouth.

Acting Leading Stoker Sydney Shirlocks, Portsmouth.

Leading Seaman Frank Dowling, Chatham.

Stoker Fred T. A. Pointer, Chatham.

Stoker Robert Balshaw, Chatham.

A.B. George C. Hews, Devonport.

A.B. Amos D. Collins, Devonport.

A.B. Fred K. C. Tolliday, Chatham.

Single.

Stoker Arthur J. Bagley, Chatham.

Stoker W. R. Pyne, Chatham.

Stoker William Whitley, Chatham.

Stoker Allen Gray, Portsmouth.

Stoker C. J. Beaumont, Devonport.

A.B. Robert C. Bowers, Chatham.

Medway to Rescue.

Wei-hai-wei, To-day.

The Poseidon was carrying out exercises when she was rammed and sunk by the coaster Yuta.

The parent ship, Medway, went to her assistance, hoping to raise the Poseidon and rescue the 18 ratings who went down with the submarine.—Reuter.

An American Offer.

Shanghai, To-day.

It is understood that Admiral McVay is likely to offer the services of the 6,500 tonner U.S.S. Beaver, which is at present at Tsingtao, to assist the Medway if required.

Admiral Kelly, aboard the Suffolk, has left Hankow for Wei-hai-wei, where he is due on Friday.—Reuter.

Wonderful Apparatus.

The use of the submarine apparatus, in the opinion of Naval officials locally, has been fully justified. The escape of the six men is considered remarkable proof of its efficacy.

The fact that twelve out of the eighteen men are engineering ratings (E.R.A.'s and stokers) gives ground for the supposition that they were probably trapped in a compartment down below when the Yuta struck the submarine.

Collision Due to Fog?

It is possible, (although no definite news have as yet been received) that the weather was foggy at the time of the collision.

As regards prospects of raising the Poseidon, it is pointed out that the water is not of any considerable depth, being only 20 fathoms. In the absence of untoward circumstances, therefore, the Poseidon may quite possibly be salvaged.

Messages of Sympathy.

The following messages of sympathy were dispatched during the morning to Vice-Admiral Sir William H. Kelly, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., C.B.

From the Admiralty, (Capt. J. A. B. Walker, O.B.E.).

Deep sympathy from all ranks and ratings at Hong Kong.

From His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.).

On behalf of the Colony of Hong Kong I send very deepest sympathy to the Fleet, and to Your Excellency's command, in the tragic loss of H.M.S. Poseidon.

From the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (H. E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

On behalf of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the China Command I would ask you to accept our deepest sympathy in the terrible loss which has been sustained by H.M.S. Poseidon.

Worst Disaster in Memory.

The disaster to the Poseidon is the worst within memory on the China Coast. On April 5, 1890 a boom was cast overboard by the Chinese ship, the explosion of a depth charge aboard H.M.S. Sepoy of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla.

Four ratings were killed outright.

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## LONELY ISLANDERS REFUSE TO MOVE.

### Fate of Inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha.

### NO ACTION DESIRABLE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

When asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Government would consider evacuating the lonely Island of Tristan da Cunha in view of the cost of providing inhabitants with the necessities of life and the fact that the island was of no commercial or strategic value, the Under Secretary for the Colonies, Dr. Drummond Shields, said that the question had been considered from time to time but owing to the opposition of the islanders to their removal it had not been thought desirable to take any action.

He added that the charge on the public funds was confined to the provision of occasional steamer calls to carry mails and supplies, which were paid for by private subscriptions.—British Wireless Service.

[Tristan da Cunha is the general name for a group of three small volcanic islands belonging to Great Britain, situated in the South Atlantic, about 2,000 miles West of the Cape of Good Hope and about 4,000 miles north-east of Cape Horn. Tristan, the largest and most northern island, has an area of 16 square miles and has a volcanic cone (7,640 ft) usually capped with snow. Precipitous cliffs, from 1,000 to 2,000 feet in height, rise directly from the ocean on all sides. A stream crosses the northern edge of the plateau, falling over the cliff edge in a fine cascade. On almost all sides the islands are surrounded by a broad belt of kelp, the gigantic southern seaweed, through which a boat may approach. The rocky shores are a stormy weather. There is no good anchorage in good weather.

Discovered By Portuguese.

The islands were discovered in 1506 by the Portuguese Admiral Tristan, or more correctly Tristao da Cunha, after whom they were named, during a voyage to India. Thereafter the islands (which were uninhabited) were occasionally visited by outward bound ships to the Indies. Dutch vessels brought back reports on the islands in 1643, and in 1666 Van Riebeck, the founder of Cape Town, sent a ship from Table Bay to Tristan to see if it were suitable for a military station, but the absence of a harbour led to the project being abandoned. John Patten, the master of a British merchant-ship, and part of his crew lived on Tristan from August, 1790, to April, 1791, during which time they captured 5,600 seals, but the first permanent inhabitants were Thomas Currie, who landed in the island in 1810. Later an American named Lambert and a man named Williams made the island their home, the former calling himself governor and possessor of the group, which he renamed the Islands of Refreshment. Both were drowned, however, and the island taken over by two other men who bustled themselves in growing vegetables, wheat, and oats, and in breeding pigs.

Small Population.

Attempts at colonisation have been made from time to time and the population at present numbers (Continued at foot of next Column.)

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## IMPERIAL PARLEY TO BE POSTPONED.

### Antipodes Unable to Send Delegates.

### CANADA'S PROPOSAL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It was announced by the Dominion Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, in the House of Commons to-day that the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa has been postponed until next year. The arrangements, he said, had been in the hands of the Canadian Government and yesterday the Prime Minister of Canada made a statement to the effect that owing to the difficulties experienced by Australia and New Zealand in arranging for full representations in August it had become necessary for the Canadian Government to propose a postponement of the Conference until 1931, and that all the other Governments concerned had accepted the proposal.—British Wireless Service.

## PRIEST GETS INTO TROUBLE.

### Clashing of Cymbals at 2 A.M.

### "OUT-OF-THE-QUESTION."

A Chinese, a priest by profession, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Magistrate's Court.

## OCCASIONAL RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—A depression of low pressure is central to the East of Japan. A depression covers the whole of China.

Forecast:—S. W. winds; moderate; squally; generally overcast; occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.57 inch. Total since January 1—27.48 inches against an average of 28.01 inches—deficit 0.53 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	82
Macao	88
Pratas Island	79
Foochow	74
Manila	79
Chefoo	69
Shanghai	68

tracy this morning, with having beaten cymbals and gongs in Des Voeux Road during prohibited hours, namely, two o'clock in the morning, without a permit from the S.C.A.

Defendant, in pleading guilty, said that it was a religious ceremony, being the seventh week after a death. He was not conversant with local regulations.

P. C. Thorpe, who prosecuted, said that these people were a great nuisance with their cymbals and gongs. He explained that the S.C.A. permits allowed for cymbals and gongs to be played up to 9 p.m., light music to 11 p.m., but 2 a.m. was "out of the question."

Defendant, in reply to Mr. Schofield, said that he had \$5 on him, but when searched by P.C. Thorpe it was discovered that he had \$10.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by his Worship.

about 130. The staple food appears to be the potato, whilst there are apple and peach trees. Bullocks, sheep and geese are reared, and fish are plentiful. Since 1900 the annual visits of a warship have been discontinued. In spite of these disadvantages, the community is a growing one. In 1890 it numbered 108, declining to 52 in 1898, since when it has increased to the present figure of 180. The characteristics of the people are longevity, good health, and a certain shyness of disposition. It had been argued that intermarriage must have had a bad effect upon their qualities, but Surgeon-Commander Rickard, of the Dublin, who visited the island in 1923, reported that this was not the case. There is no form of government and the educational facilities are extremely poor.

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## \$10,000 SLANDER ACTION.

### Leave to Withdraw Granted.

### "A MISUNDERSTANDING"

The \$10,000 slander action, in which an interpreter at Hung-hom Police Station was involved as defendant, ended suddenly this morning, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the prosecution, asking leave to withdraw the case. He said that this was done because both parties now realised that the unfortunate litigation had arisen through a misunderstanding of the language used by defendant. Both parties had expressed their regrets.

His Lordship (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, Chief Justice), allowed the case to be withdrawn. He said, incidentally, "I may say I think this is a very wise arrangement, and I hope that the parties concerned, in their future relations, will live in the spirit of it."

Settled in Chambers.

The parties to the action had previously discussed it in the Chief Justice's Chambers. After Mr. Jenkin had expressed his client's opinion that a misunderstanding had arisen, defendant said, "I desire to state that I withdraw the allegation that, eight years ago, or at any time, plaintiff, Se Siu-wan, was guilty of impropriety of any kind with his niece, Se Ah-mui. I regret that anything I may have done should have led to this unfortunate litigation."

The action was then withdrawn, and the parties left the Court.

Eight-Year-Old Incident.

The lit wife of Se Chi-kwau was called to give evidence yesterday afternoon, when the \$10,000 slander action against Chan Woon-fun, for defamation, was continued.

She said that when she heard the allegations of misconduct with the girl in the case, made against the plaintiff, she asked him how such a thing had happened. Plaintiff had been brought over from Hong Kong. The people in the house were aroused by the "commotion" which followed the allegation made by defendant against plaintiff when they finally met together. However, defendant was not present when she questioned the plaintiff.

Cross-examined by defendant on his own behalf, witness said she thought it was the business of the girl's natural mother to make enquiries about the allegations made. "I am only one of the mothers," she added.

Defendant asked witness if because she was a relative of plaintiff, she had not come to give false evidence against him. This witness emphatically denied.

No Preliminaries!

Answering the Chief Justice, witness said that defendant commenced his accusations against plaintiff without any preliminaries whatsoever. Defendant did not invite the plaintiff to sit at his side. As soon as he saw plaintiff he "began to be noisy."

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Defendant, replying to His Lordship, said he had some witnesses to call, after which he would very probably wish to go into the box himself. His Lordship thereupon suggested that in view of the time, he could give his evidence straightaway, to which defendant finally agreed.

Giving evidence, the defendant said:—I became engaged to Se Keng-wai (Se Ah-mui) on August 23 last year. One day, after the engagement, she told me that one evening when she was thirteen years old she was sleeping in one of the bunks in the house when her uncle Se Siu-cheng came and misconducted himself. "I asked her if this was true, and she answered that it was." She also said that if I did not believe her I could ask her natural mother, Sappi Choh, who already knew about it.

"When my fiancée and I got back to the house there were some people present," witness continued, "so I refrained from enquiring from the mother at the moment. After I had my midnight meal I asked her mother to go into her room so that I might enquire about the case, gambled on a large bed. The

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## TERRIBLE FIRE IN STAUNTON STREET

### FIFTEEN LIVES LOST

### ESCAPE SHUT OFF BY ADVANCING FLAMES.

## A RAGING FURNACE

What proved to be the most disastrous fire for years occurred in Staunton Street last night, resulting in 15 Chinese losing their lives.

Staunton Street is that narrow thoroughfare running between and parallel with Hollywood Road and Elgin Street, extending from the Old Bailey to the top of Peel Street where it joins Bridges Street, which runs behind Queen's College.

The house involved in the fire, No. 35, is located a few doors from the Peel Street end of Staunton Street, on the right hand side of the thoroughfare, going down from the Old Bailey. It is one of a row of very old Chinese type of houses comprising ground floor and two upper floors. The staircase is wooden and this accounted for the terrible toll of lives.

## ORIGINATED IN JOSS STORE

How the fire started it is difficult to state but it is definite that the flames originated in the middle floor of the house which is used as a store by a Chinese joss paper shop which did business on the ground floor. The upper floor was occupied as a dwelling by Chinese of the poorer class.

It is not known in what part of the middle floor the fire started and the outbreak was well advanced before the alarm was given. Several persons living in the vicinity told a China Mail representative that at about 9.25 p.m., their attention was attracted by the firing of crackers and naturally concluding that it was some marriage ceremony they did not give it much thought.

Reddish Hue.

Less than a couple of minutes later they were attracted by a reddish hue out of doors and when they rushed out on to the verandah to investigate found the first floor of No. 35 burning fiercely. The reports that they had heard were made by crackers which formed part of the stock of the "joss" shop stored in that floor. The alarm was then raised and the Police arrived on the scene and immediately telephoned to the Fire Brigade, the call being put through about a minute before 9.30.

Fight Against Flames.

Two engines were immediately rushed to the scene of the fire and two others arrived a few minutes later. The fire fighters were greatly handicapped by the narrowness of the street, but they surmounted the obstacle by running hoses to the roofs and upper floors of the houses opposite and thus were able to tackle the heart of the flames.

Hoses were also played on the houses on either side of the burning ones and thus the flames were prevented from spreading. However, they managed to reach the upper floor of No. 35 and here they took their toll of lives. The fight against the flames lasted for nearly an hour before they were subdued, the fire fighters being recalled at 10.28.

When the Fire Brigade arrived no report was made to them that there were people in the upper floor of the burning house, so that no rescue work was undertaken and it was not until the house was entered after the fire was put out that the ghastly discovery of 13 charred bodies, a man, women, and children, was made.

Leap Into Street.

Four female inmates of the upper floor made an attempt to escape from the inferno by jumping into the street and all were severely injured. They were given every possible assistance by the crew of two ambulances which turned out with the fire engines, and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who were also early on the scene and with the Police gave valuable assistance to the fire fighters. The four injured women were conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital where two died soon after admission.

The Injured.

The other two who are now in a serious condition and might succumb are:—

Wong Siu-lin (19), whose address is given as 30, Staunton Street; and

Lee Shui-mui (19), stated to be living at 42, Eastern Street.

These two are believed to have been visiting the occupants of the top floor of the doomed house when the fire occurred.

Of the 13 bodies found in the gutted house, 12 were huddled together on the top floor landing of the staircase, their escape having been cut off by the flames shooting up stairs. Then it was impossible for them to retreat into the floor which was a raging furnace, and thus trapped in the narrow confines of the landing they huddled together and met their terrible death.

Desperate Leap.

The other body, that of a woman, was found on the first floor stairs landing. Apparently she had made a desperate leap from one landing to the other in an effort to escape and was swallowed up by the flames.

The ground floor was not touched by the flames, this being due to the fact that the wooden floors above did not collapse, but considerable damage by water was done to the shop's stock of joss paper, etc.

The official Police report of the fire is as follows:—

"A fire broke out at No. 35, Staunton Street, first floor, and burned out the 1st and 2nd floors. The house comprised three floors, the ground floor being used as a cracker and joss paper shop and the upper floors as a dwelling. The fire originated on the first floor on which was stored inflammable material which quickly became ignited and cut off escape of the upper floor inmates causing deaths of 1 male, five boys, seven females and two females who died in the G.C.H. Most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Extent of damage and cause of fire at present unknown."

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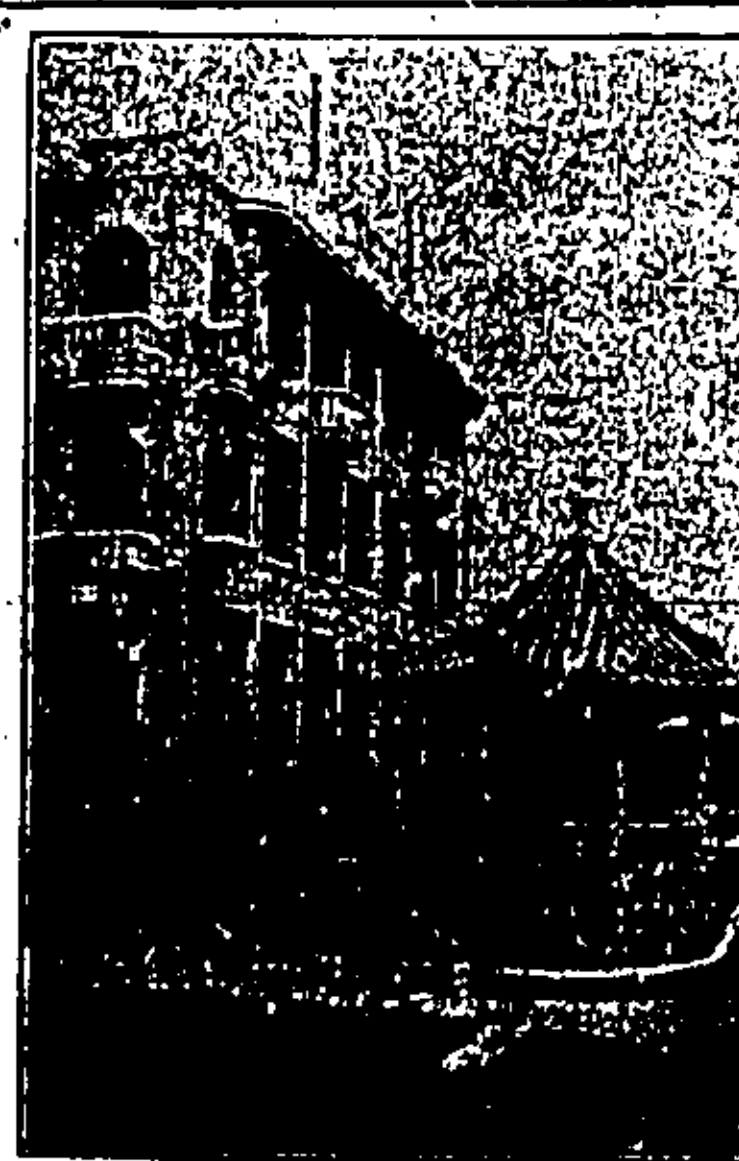
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 8th day of June, to MONDAY, 15th day of June, 1931, both days inclusive.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1931.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th June, 1931, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th June to 1st July, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
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General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 17th JUNE, 1931, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th JUNE, 1931 to 17th JUNE, 1931, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. W. BROWN,  
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M. de Fleuriau, the French Ambassador, stated that M. Arnal, of the French Foreign Office, and M. Elbel, had just come to Britain to discuss the new commercial treaty to replace the one of 1882 between the two countries and their visit was a reply to the suggestion of Mr. W. Graham for a reduction of 25 per cent. in all tariffs.

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June.	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
" 10	5.38	7.06
" 11	5.38	7.07
" 12	5.38	7.07
" 13	5.38	7.08
" 14	5.38	7.08
" 15	5.38	7.08
" 16	5.38	7.08
" 17	5.38	7.09
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" 25	5.40	7.10
" 26	5.40	7.11
" 27	5.40	7.11
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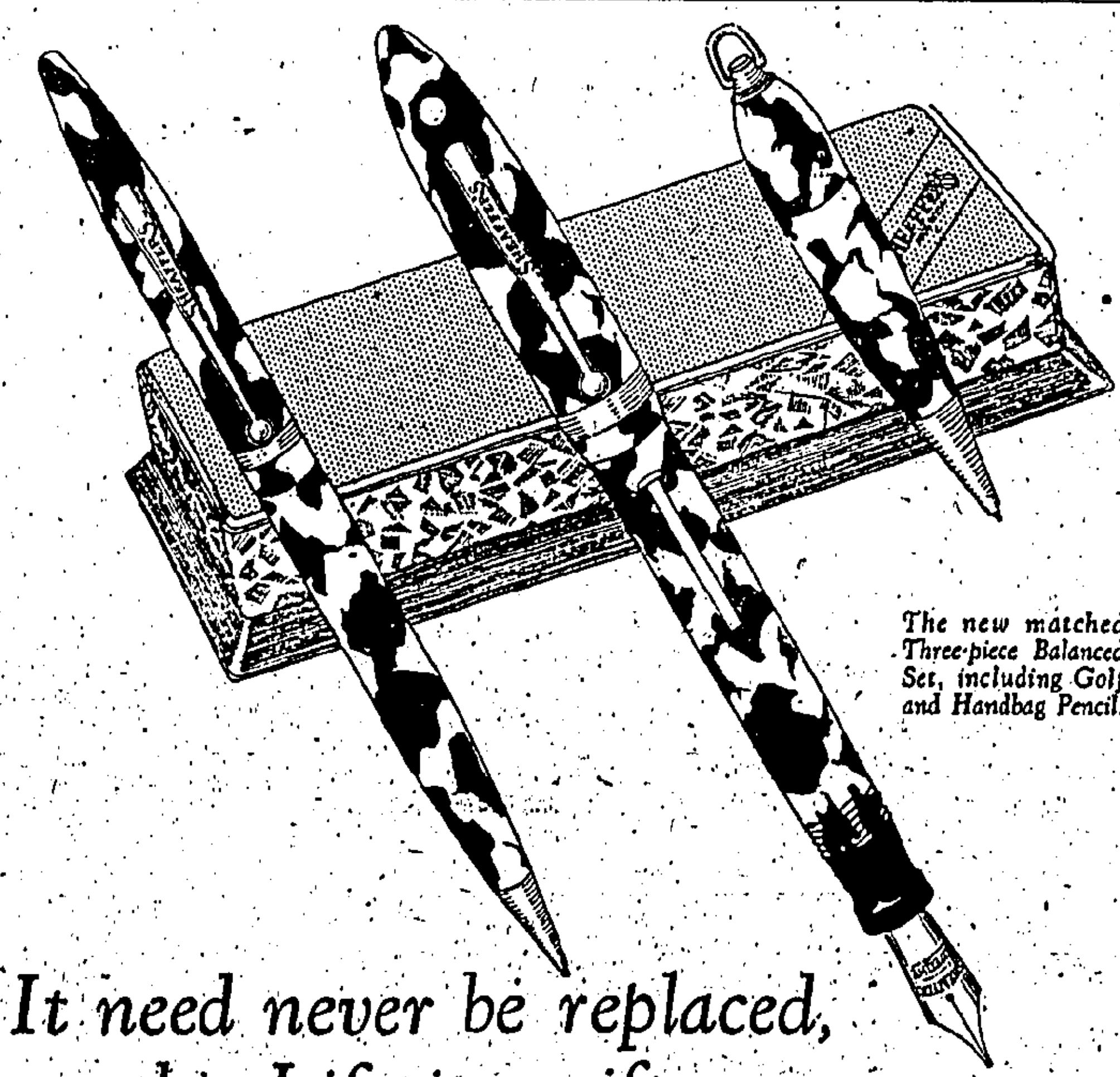
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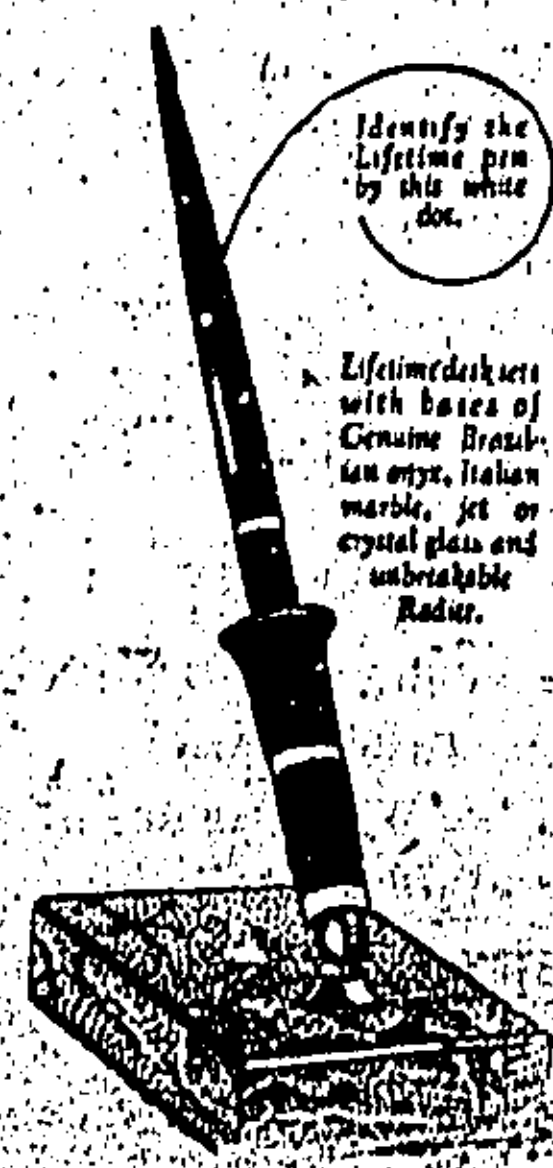
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HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 13th June.
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KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
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KAMO MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
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KAGA MARU	Thursday, 11th June.
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GINYO MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Saturday, 13th June.
TAKETOYO MARU	Saturday, 13th June.
TATSUNO MARU	Saturday, 4th July.
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru	Mon., 6th July
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Argun Maru	Fri., 19th June
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 18th June
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Atlas Maru	Sun., 14th June
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 11th June
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Hozan Maru	Sun., 14th June
	Canton Maru	Sun., 21st June
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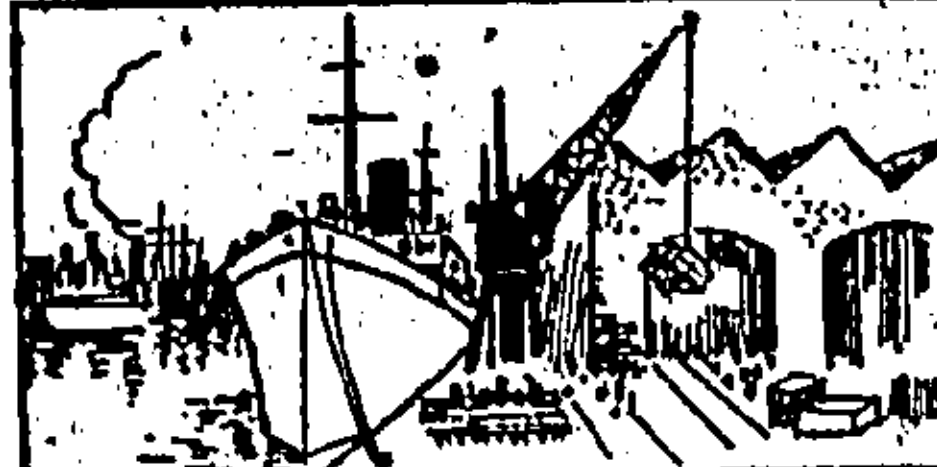
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## Shipping Intelligence.

### WAR BLOCKADE.

#### TENTH CRUISER SQUADRON'S EPIC PART.

Unstinting tribute to the Tenth Cruiser Squadron was paid by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, Bart., G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., when he attended the reunion dinner of the officers who served in that immortal unit of the Royal Navy, held on board the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France in Southampton Docks. No more fitting or appropriate atmosphere could have been found for the gathering, for the Empress of France during the War was known as the Albatross, and as such was the flagship of the squadron. During her career in that capacity she flew the flags of two admirals—namely, Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, K.C.B., M.V.O., and Admiral Sir Reginald Tupper, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.B.O., both of whom were present at the function. The former was the genial chairman, and nine other admirals were present in addition to a large number of other guests.

Sir Roger, in proposing the toast of the Tenth Cruiser Squadron, coupled with the French Navy, paid tribute to Sir Dudley and Sir Reginald, and said the gathering was composed of a great number of naval and Naval Reserve officers who manned the vessels which exercised the blockade that played no small part in the victory of the Allies.

Proceeding, Sir Roger said that history provided many examples of blockade in the days of sail—close blockade and strategic blockade based on the prevailing winds, blockades which were conducted under conditions of incredible hardships with seamanlike ability, fortitude and patience. In the American Civil War close blockade was maintained by steamships without any great risk from enemy action and many of them present that evening would remember how the plans for the late War visualised the close blockade of an enemy by light craft supported by capital ships, as in the days of old. But the advent of the torpedo, the submarine, and later the submarine minelayer necessitated new plans and dispositions, which added enormously to the difficulties of blockade.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Olympus—West wall dock.  
Odin—In dock.  
Otus—In dock.  
Parthian—West wall dock.  
Seamew—South wall.  
Sirdar—In dock.  
Somme—North arm.  
Sterling—North arm.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Thracian—North arm.

Foreign.  
Vigilante—French gunboat.

### STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Shanghai on June 9 (Tues.) at 6.30 p.m., leaves Shanghai on June 10 (Wed.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on June 12 (Fri.) at 9 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on June 12 (Fri.) at 6 p.m.

### LOSS OF HIGHLAND HOPE.

#### Admiralty Divisional Court Appeal.

The Admiralty Divisional Court recently allowed the appeal of the owners of the Nelson liner Highland Hope, which was wrecked in a fog off the coast of Portugal, on November 19 last, against the finding of the Court of Inquiry, with reference to the Captain's age.

Lord Merrivale (whose age is 76), giving judgment, observed that in modern times men over 75 years of age held positions such as the Prime Minister, the Primate of England and the head of great commercial undertakings.

Lord Merrivale emphasised that all the evidence favoured the Captain's fitness, competency and the propriety of his employment, and nobody had challenged it at any material point during the inquiry.

The appeal must be allowed because the owners were condemned, not the accused, and they had not been heard.

Lord Merrivale added that the real cause of the loss was the over-confidence of the Captain and officers.

The Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Highland Hope, which struck a reef off Farinhes Islands in November, found that the stranding was due to the failure of the Master to navigate the ship in a proper and seaman-like manner.

It suspended his licence for six months.

The Court also considered that the Second Officer was remiss in his duties.

Further, the Court found that the owners could not be absolved of all blame, because the Master was of such age that he could not be expected to stand the physical strain of commanding such a large passenger vessel.

The Master of the Highland Hope, James Gohson Jones, was aged 75.

The Court also severely reprimanded the Chief Officer for concealing the fact that he brought the "deck scrap log" ashore and for subsequently destroying the log.

The Court commended the Fourth Officer, Parry, for his courage and resource in dealing with the situation resulting from the accident to a lifeboat.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, June 8.  
Shinko Maru, Japanese str., 1,891 tons, Capt. H. Kinukawa, from Newchwang, buoy No. B27.—T.K.K.

Tuesday, June 9.  
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Athos II, French str., 22,000 tons, Captain Le Flapet, from Marseilles, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Chengtu, British str., 1,398 tons, Captain W. L. Thomas, from Hongkong, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Chungking, British str., 1,311 tons, Capt. Lovegrove, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. K. Dahl, from Hongkong, buoy No. B17.—Chin Seng Hong.

Hiroshi Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 664 tons, Capt. Y. Okada, from Swatow, Standard Oil Wharf.—M.B.K.

Ikomasa Maru, Japanese str., 1,952 tons, Capt. S. Ushijima, from Milke, buoy No. A12.—M.B.K.

New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Saigon, buoy No. C8.—Chang Tong Ha.

Pong Tong, British str., 1,001 tons, Capt. R. E. Fieckleton, from Saigon, buoy No. C5.—Yuen Sing Fat.

Porthos, French str., 22,000 tons, Capt. T. Fieppel, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Ravnefell, Norwegian str., 1,420 tons, Capt. Ribbrog, from Canton, buoy No. C7.—Dodwell & Co.

Sarpedon, British str., 6,821 tons, Capt. A. T. Shaw, from Shanghai, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Sidajoe, Dutch str., 1,080 tons, Capt. de Groot, from Samarinda, Yaumati Anchorage.—J.C.J.L.

Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,485 tons, Capt. N. Norvalle, from Saigon, buoy No. C4.—Wo Fat Sing.

Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,749 tons, Capt. H. J. G. Blits, from Singapore, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.

### CANAL AVOIDED.

#### NORWEGIAN SHIPS USE CAPE ROUTE.

Concerning the protests which have been raised in shipping circles against the high dues charged on vessels using the Suez Canal, it is reported from Norway that two Norwegian ships with cargo from the East have just been sent to Europe by way of the Cape instead of passing through the Suez Canal. The charterers found that in the present situation of the market, it was advisable to avoid the canal and the high dues.

The question was recently raised at a meeting of the Oslo New Shipowners' Association by Mr. Paust. Since then he is reported to have stated that the reply given by the holders of the French block of shares points to a poor conscience. The community would, he said, scarcely approve the contention that 55 per cent. was a reasonable yield for an undertaking of such a general character as the Suez Canal Company.

As to the suggestion made in the House of Commons that assistance should be granted to British shipping out of the State receipts on its shareholding in the Suez Canal, Mr. Paust considered that it could scarcely have been made on account of British interests as it was in conflict with those interests and against the traditions of British shipping. He advocated bringing the matter before the League of Nations as the Suez Canal was an important aid in international communication and of great importance to shipping, trade and industry both in Europe and in Asia and Australia.

### NEW MOTOR LIFEBOAT.

#### Innovations in Life-Saving Device.

The new motor lifeboat, which the Royal National Lifeboat Institution has built for its station at Lytham St. Anne's, Lancashire, is of the new light type of self-righting lifeboat, light enough to be launched off a cartilage, states the Journal of Commerce. She weighs, with crew and gear, under 7 tons, is 35ft. 6in. long, and has a 35 h.p. engine, giving her a speed of 7.1/3 knots. She carries enough petrol to be able to travel 116 miles at full speed without refuelling. She takes only 20 seconds to come to a dead stop from full speed. In another 20 seconds she can be moving at full speed astern. Should a sea break on board, she can free herself in about 12 seconds more quickly than any other type of lifeboat. If she were capsized, even with a hole in her bottom, she would right herself in four seconds. In rough weather she can take 30 people on board. This is the fourth motor lifeboat to be completed this year, and there are now 94 in the institution's fleet of 191 lifeboats.

Lytham St. Anne's is one of four stations on the Lancashire coast, of which two, Lytham St. Anne's and Piel, now have motor lifeboats. Until 1925, Lytham and St. Anne's both had lifeboat stations, and at one time two boats were stationed at St. Anne's. The Lytham St. Anne's stations have the fine record of 226 lives rescued from shipwreck.

### ENGINEERING TRIUMPHS.

#### Application of Mechanical Power to Ships.

Some of the remarkable changes brought about by the application of mechanical power to ships formed the theme of the remarks of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, when he addressed the members of the Institute of Marine Engineers on the occasion of their 85th annual dinner. It had not only raised the standard of living and comfort for seafarers all the world over, but it had been the means of robbing the sea of much of its terrors for the ordinary passenger. It was the engineers that had made the first move, and they had never ceased to progress ever since. He suggested that no advance in engineering science had conferred greater benefit on the Navy than the introduction of the steam turbine. During the first years of the War the Navy used reciprocating engines, which required rest one day in ten, but with the turbine the Grand Fleet could be certain of the full number of cruisers being always available. This was only one of the innumerable instances in which the work of the engineer had proved not only the reliability of the work they did, but the value of development in design and material.

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Emp. of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	—	—	Aug. 17
Emp. of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	—	—	Aug. 30
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	—	—	Sept. 14
Emp. of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	—	—	Sept. 27
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	—	—	Oct. 12
Emp. of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	—	Oct. 25

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Europe via Nagasaki (Letters and Papers, London, May 14) .....Hakone Maru

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, May 19) .....President Monroe

#### OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.

Japan, Honolulu, & \*San Francisco President Wilson.  
(Due San Francisco July 2.)  
Parcels .....June 10, 3 p.m.  
Registration .....June 10, 4.15 p.m.  
Letters .....June 10, 5 p.m.  
Fort Bayard .....3.30 p.m.  
Samshui and Wuchow .....Tainan .....3.30 p.m.  
Shanghai & \*Europe via Siberia .....President Wilson  
Registration .....June 10, 5 p.m.  
Letters .....June 10, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

Holhow, Pakhoi and \*Haiphong Menado Maru .....8.30 a.m.  
Amoy .....Tjikembang .....10.30 a.m.  
Swatow .....Hydrangea .....8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hui Ning .....2 p.m.  
Haiphong .....Canton .....2.30 p.m.  
Manila .....Empress of Canada .....3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan & \*Europe via Siberia Hakone Maru .....3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa Aden Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Katori Maru

(Due Marseilles July 19.)

K.P.O. Registration .....June 13, 8.45 a.m.  
Letters .....June 13, 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & \*Europe via Victoria, B.C. President Jefferson.

(Due Victoria, B.C., June 30 and \*Europe via Siberia.)

Parcels .....June 13, 3 p.m.  
Registration .....4.15 p.m.  
Letters .....5 p.m.

Amoy .....Antung .....5 p.m.

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KARMALA	9,000	29th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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KAWALPINDI	17,000	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	27th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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TIKAWA	10,000	17th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHA	3,000	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,000	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Ambitious schemes for the conversion of British coal into oil and the expenditure of millions of pounds in research work were considered by the South Wales Miners' Federation. Mr. George Hall, M.P., the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and the members of Parliament for the mining constituencies, were present at the meeting which had been called to consider what support should be given to the movement which seeks to force the Government to substitute coal for oil as Navy fuel.

A conference of all mining and shipping interests called by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff is to be held at Cardiff to discuss this question.

The miners did not favour the policy of reverting to coal fuel, but rather the pressing necessity for further expenditure in the direction of extracting oil from British coal so that we should not be entirely dependent on foreign supplies.

Mr. Hall told the meeting that the Navy uses about one million tons of fuel oil every year, and in order to secure that quantity twenty million tons of coal would have to be distilled. He believed this could be supplied to the Navy at a little more than the price of the crude oil which is now used.

It would be far more advantageous to the coal mining industry, he said, if British coal were used for the production of oil than to ask the Government to alter their programme and construct coal-burning ships.

"Oil from British coal is now proved to be a practical commercial proposition," he added, "and its extraction would prove most beneficial to the coal industry."

"The miners' representatives at the Cardiff conference will advance this view rather than advocate the reversion to coal-burning ships."

Mr. Thomas Richards, the president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, said afterwards that if the oil-burning naval ships were converted to the use of coal the amount of coal required would not be more than about a million tons, whereas if coal were used for the extraction of oil many more million tons of coal would be consumed to the advantage of the coal trade.

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Wed., 24th June at 10 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Tues., 16th June at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Mon., 22nd June at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Thurs., 9th July at 3 p.m.
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Sandakan	MAUSANG	Tues., 23rd June at 3 p.m.
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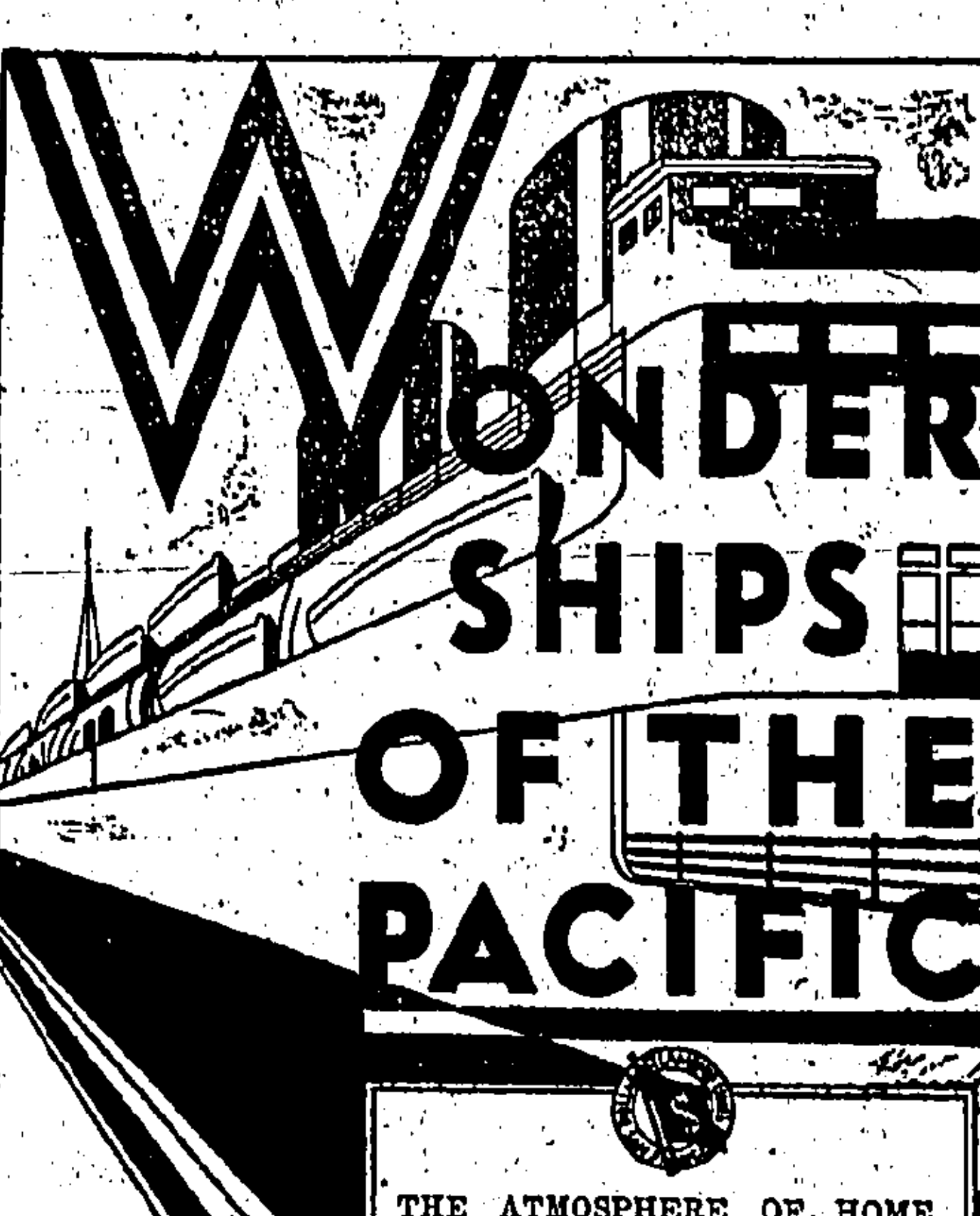
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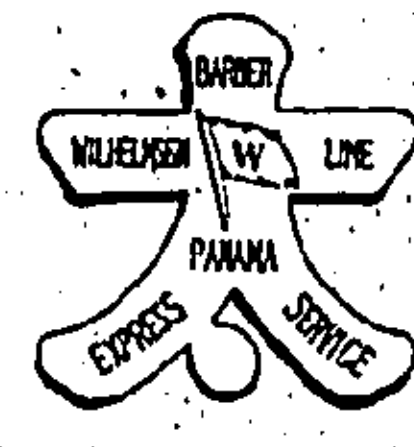
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## Toll for the Brave.

Not since the disastrous ex-  
plosion on H.M.S. Sepoy on April  
8 last year, when four men were  
killed outright and two died  
later, has such a deep gloom been  
cast over the China Station as  
that caused by the news of the  
terrible calamity to the new Bri-  
tish submarine Poseidon, ten  
miles to the north of Wei-hai-  
wei. Prompt as the Admiralty  
has been in releasing the infor-  
mation at Home, His Majesty the  
King and his gracious Consort  
have been no less belated in  
sending a message of condolence  
to the dependants of the sur-  
vivors. This consideration for  
his subjects will be thoroughly  
appreciated not alone by the  
Royal Navy but by the entire  
Empire.

The actual circumstances lead-  
ing up to the submarine being  
rammed by the Chinese steamer  
Yuta have not yet been disclosed.  
The efforts of those immediately  
concerned at the scene of the dis-  
aster have naturally been con-  
centrated on the work of rescue  
and of locating the wreck with a  
view to ascertaining the proba-  
bility of effecting any more  
rescues of those ratings still  
trapped in a compartment. It  
is unofficially surmised,  
however, that the ill-fated  
submarine was returning from  
exercises when she was rammed  
by the a.s. Yuta possibly in a fog.  
In this Colony, where the offi-  
cers and men of the Poseidon had  
already made numerous friends  
during their very brief stay,  
after their arrival from Hong  
Kong, the utmost sympathy  
will go out to the dependants and

the comrades of the unfortunate  
men who have lost their lives at  
the post of duty. At the time of  
writing it is known that the  
wreck has been located, and the  
greatest anxiety will prevail on  
all sides as to the fate of those  
still shut up in the submarine.  
To the Royal Navy and to the  
Commander-in-Chief of the China  
Station, his brother-officers, and  
men we feel that we are re-echo-  
ing the feelings of the entire  
Colony in expressing our deepest  
sympathy on the occasion of this  
very lamentable disaster. Their  
loss is a very terrible one. Those  
who have been taken from them  
are no less heroes than those who  
died in Naval action in the War.  
They have given their lives for  
King and Empire and in support  
of the principle of an adequate  
Navy to safeguard British inter-  
ests in the Far East. They have  
gone, but they shall not be for-  
gotten. Rest in Peace!

## News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature  
yesterday was 73 degrees. At 10  
a.m. and 4 p.m. the humidity was  
93.

Suffering from severe burns, the  
nature of which is at present un-  
known, a youth, Chan Kan (17)  
was removed to the Kwong Wah Hos-  
pital at 8 o'clock last night.

Mariners are informed that a  
buoy marking a rope off Shekha in  
the Sumchun River has either drift-  
ed away or been stolen by some per-  
son. The buoy was last seen on  
June 5 at 5.30 p.m.

The Governor in Council has  
approved of the suspension of the  
Regulations made under the Dogs  
Ordinance, 1927, by which the  
muzzling of dogs was enforced and  
their movements restricted.

A lecture open to the public, will  
be given at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.,  
Bridges Street, on Thursday at 7  
p.m., by Mr. J. C. FitzHenry,  
A.M.I.E.E., the subject being, "Fire  
Prevention and Means of Combating  
Fires."

At the fortnightly meeting of the  
Sanitary Board yesterday the  
Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) said  
he noted that members were in  
agreement with the application for  
the registration of 3, Morrison Hill  
Road, ground floor, as a dairy.

The forthcoming weddings are  
announced of Ernest Michelfelder,  
missionary, of the Basel Mission,  
Taipei Road, to Johanna Elsingner,  
of the same address, and of Rochus  
Jacintus Morales, of 36, Sau Wa  
Fong, to Percilla Maria Gomez, of  
19, Kwong Ming Street.

British postal orders to the value  
of nearly £2 were found on the  
ground outside No. 25, Kowloon  
Godown, by a coolie named Mai Sat  
at about 1.30 p.m. yesterday. The  
postal orders, which were in a  
plain envelope, comprised two of  
£20, each; two of £10, each; one  
each of £5, £2, and £1. The find  
was handed in at the Water Police  
Station.

## Submarine Disaster.

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and two died later in hospital.  
The accident was considered to be  
an unprecedented one in Naval  
annals, a remarkable feature being  
the slight damage done to the ship  
itself.

Accidents to submarines have  
fortunately been few and far be-  
tween, the last one recorded being  
during the typhoon of 1923, when a  
submersible of the "L" class was  
sunk without casualty. She was  
later raised.

**Chinese-Owned Steamer.**  
The Chinese steamer Yuta, a  
steel screw vessel of 1,753 tons  
and 1,123 net, was formerly the  
Yuto-China Steamship Co.'s Yuen  
Sang. She is now registered in  
Newchwang, the owner or own-  
ers, according to Lloyd's Regis-  
ter, being Pao Yu Tsai. She flies  
the Chinese flag. Built in 1889,  
by Messrs. Hall, Russell and Co.,  
of Aberdeen, she is 250.2 feet  
long, 36.2 feet broad, and 15.1 in  
depth.

**Unlucky Flotilla.**  
Ill-luck seems to have dogged  
the four submarines of the "P"  
class (Poseidon, Perseus, Pan-  
dora and Proteus), the Fourth  
Submarine Flotilla, ever since  
their departure from Britain for  
the China Station.

It will be recalled that the Pan-  
dora and Proteus were involved  
in a collision off Gibraltar, 80  
miles west of the Straits, on the  
night of December 16 last. They  
were both damaged, and were  
taken in hand at Gibraltar for  
repairs, spare parts having to be  
sent out from Britain.

The Perseus and Poseidon ar-  
rived in Gibraltar on December  
30, and continued their cruise in-  
dependently. All four subma-  
rines went up to Wei-hai-wei a  
few weeks ago. They form Bri-  
tain's latest submarine flotilla,  
and are the latest types of under-  
sea vessels.

## TOWNS FALLING INTO PAGANISM.

### Archdeacon and Clergy Shortage.

"It must be realised" that there  
are 3,500 fewer clergy in the  
Church of England to-day than  
there were in 1914, and that the  
towns are falling back into  
paganism," said the Venerable John  
Carpenter, Turner, Archdeacon of  
Basingstoke, during a Commission  
of Inquiry into the desirability of  
uniting the benefices of East World-  
ham and Hartley Mauditt with  
West Worldham.

Evidence was given that the  
three parishes contained only 400  
people, and that the aggregate at-  
tendances at early Communion and  
evensong were in East Worldham  
and West Worldham churches only  
nine and seventy-five respectively.

The parish representatives pro-  
tested against union. Archdeacon  
Turner observed that only a mile  
separated the churches. "The  
Church of England," he said, "will  
have to adopt the method of County  
Education Committees with their  
school children, and collect people,  
as there are not enough clergymen  
to go round."

On being told that there  
was no public-house at West  
Worldham, and that people  
walked either to Selborne or  
East Worldham (a mile away)  
for their beer, the Archdeacon  
said, with some spirit, "There  
you are: people will walk a mile for  
beer, but not for worship. Surely,  
if people are godly, they won't  
mind walking a mile to worship."

## MYSTERY OF 11 BROKEN RIBS.

### Man Who Was Put In Strait-Jacket.

David Fyfe, aged 75, of South  
Street, Forfar, was found kneeling  
in prayer in Emmett Street, Pop-  
lar.

He was taken to a mental home,  
where he died, with eleven ribs  
broken.

At the inquest at Poplar Police-  
Station Thomas Redfern said that  
when he found Fyfe in Emmett  
Street the man had his shoes and  
socks off. In his hand was a pray-  
er-book. When asked what he was  
doing, he said: "I am fighting for  
the cause."

He was removed to Waterloo  
House, Bethnal Green.

George Ling, an attendant at  
Waterloo House, said Fyfe was  
very violent when admitted. He  
shouted Biblical phrases and had to  
be restrained in a strait jacket. He  
did not know how the man came by  
his injuries.

Dr. R. M. Bronte said death was  
due to fractured ribs.

Asked by the coroner (Dr. R. L.  
Guthrie) if it was possible that the  
force necessary to restrain Fyfe in  
a strait jacket could have broken  
his ribs, Dr. Bronte said that might  
be so, owing to the old man's bones  
being very brittle.  
The jury returned an open ver-  
dict.

## EYE POSER FOR A JUDGE.

### Biological Theory in Will Dispute.

### QUESTION OF COLOUR.

Judge Michael Feinberg, of the  
Circuit Court in Chicago, has been  
asked to set a precedent by mak-  
ing a legal application of the bio-  
logical theory that two blue-eyed  
parents cannot have a brown-eyed  
child.

The matter came to the fore  
when George Adair Longley took  
legal steps to obtain a share of the  
£200,000 estate of Albert W.  
Longley, hat manufacturer. He  
claimed that he was the son of  
the American millionaire, born out  
of wedlock but legitimatised by  
marriage of the parents later.

Counsel for Mrs. Caroline  
Longley, third wife of Albert W.  
Longley, produced an expert wit-  
ness, Dr. Sanford Gifford, who as-  
serted that a blue-eyed father and  
a blue-eyed mother could have  
only blue-eyed children.

### Legitimacy Doubts.

The claim was advanced by the  
widow's counsel that the million-  
aire and a former wife, whom  
George Longley claims, as his  
parents, were blue-eyed, whereas  
George has brown eyes.

"Parents from all over the coun-  
try are writing to me," says the  
judge. Many of them say that  
this scientific law simply cannot  
be true. Others are depressed be-  
cause the law casts doubt on the  
legitimacy of their children. The  
setting of a precedent in this case,  
one that would apply in divorce  
cases and in those settling the  
fatherhood of infants, where that  
is disputed, would be fraught with  
heavy responsibility.

"Any legal ruling to the effect  
that blue eyes cannot beget brown  
eyes, a principle supposedly based  
on the Mendelian law of heredity,  
would become a determining fac-  
tor in many divorce suits where  
misconduct is charged. The re-  
sult might be a flood of divorces."

### Invariable Rule.

"Dr. Davenport, of the Carnegie  
Institution of Washington, a lead-  
ing authority on the application  
of Mendelian law, has testified  
that there is no exception to the  
rule, and that reported exceptions  
are always found to be without  
foundation or due to failure to  
discern the determining eye  
colour."

"The layman cannot always be  
able to tell a blue eye when he  
sees one—there may be brown  
pigment that he does not recog-  
nise in the eyes of the apparently  
blue-eyed."

There exists in the Longley will  
case some uncertainty about the  
eye pigment of Albert W. Longley  
and of the wife, Alice, who are  
claimed as the parents of George.  
There is no documentary evi-  
dence, and there are only non-  
scientific witnesses to say whether  
or not they were actually blue-  
eyed.

## U.S. CITIZENS.

### ARE THEY NORTH AMERICANS OR UNITED STATESERS?

Bogota, Col., May 8.  
Is a citizen of the United States  
of America an American, a Yan-  
kee, a North American, a United  
Stateser, a Saxton American, or a  
"gringo"?

It's a delicate question through-  
out South America depending  
largely on how friendly the gen-  
eral attitude of any particular  
nation is toward the United States.

For after all, Colombians, Ar-  
gentinians and Chileans are in-  
habitants of America and are just  
as much entitled to be called  
"Americans" as are inhabitants of  
the United States.

In Colombia, which is perhaps  
as friendly to the United States  
as any South American nation,  
any of the foregoing appellations  
is likely to be heard with perfect-  
ly friendly intentions. Any, that  
is, except "gringo," which is in  
the nature of a dirty crack and is  
rarely encountered in Colombia.

The word "Yanqui," which odd-  
ly enough is pronounced "Yankee,"  
is used more or less humorously  
and includes United States resi-  
dents living south of the Mason  
and Dixon line.

Dr. B. Sanin Cano, the leading  
essayist of Colombia, originated  
the term "saxo-americano" to  
apply to United States citizens,  
and differentiates Latin Americans,  
who do not particularly like that  
terminology, with the appellation  
"Indo-americano," which means  
"Indian Americans." But they do  
not like that either.

As for those being "estadouni-  
denses" or United Statesers, there  
are also the United Statesers of  
Brazil, which covers more terri-  
tory than the United States of  
America, and the United States of  
Mexico, which is no small country.

## FROM PEDLAR TO PRINCE.

### Death of Arab 80 Years in Colombo.

### WEALTH IN MILLIONS.

Few careers have been so  
romantic and remarkable as that  
of Hadji Ibrahim bin Ahmed of  
Colombo, who has just died at the  
age of 105 years. Beginning in  
Ceylon nearly 80 years ago with  
very little to call his own; his  
wealth at the end was computed in  
millions.

At the age of 25 he landed in  
Colombo from Zabeid, his home in  
Arabia, and made his way as a  
pedlar, going from town to town  
as far as Galle and Kandy and  
even further on foot as he was too  
poor to travel by coach. Thrifty  
and industrious habits enabled him  
in ten years to improve his posi-  
tion by setting up a shop for the  
sale of sweetmeats and silks at the  
junction of Kuruwe and New Moor  
Streets. This business was such  
a success that its owner in course  
of time bought up the premises  
and in after years became the  
owner of practically all the houses  
at this busy junction.

### The Toy Trade.

The year 1870 was an important  
one for Hadji Ibrahim bin  
Ahmed for it was in that year  
that he pioneered the toy trade in  
Ceylon—a business that brought  
him great riches and a reputation  
in commercial circles. He was the  
first to import toys on a com-  
mercial scale from the famous German  
manufacturers who specialised in  
them and even big firms in the  
Fort bought their supplies from  
him. About this time too he be-  
gan to import reel-cotton and lace  
in large quantities and up to the  
present day the Hameedia Stores  
as he called his place of business  
is noted for its reel cotton.

### Four Times to Mecca.

Bin Ahmed married late in life  
a daughter of Haj Sayed Abbas  
bin Sayed Salib, and the wedding  
was attended by all the seven  
Egyptian Pashas then in exile in  
Ceylon. In all his 80 years in  
Ceylon he visited his home in  
Arabia four times, and on all four  
occasions took the opportunity to  
visit Mecca, once in the company  
of H.E. Ibrahim Pasha Refaath of  
Egypt. He returned from the last  
of these trips very ill and his life  
was despaired of, but he recovered  
and maintained good health up  
till a week before his death. Pre-  
vious to that he once had severe  
pulmonary trouble, which, how-  
ever, was permanently cured.

### Large Possessions.

During the last 25 or 30 years  
the late Hadji Ibrahim became the  
owner of considerable landed prop-  
erty. He owned land and build-  
ings at Kayman's Gate and Fourth  
Cross Street as well as several fine  
residential bungalows in Colombo,  
one of his recent acquisitions be-  
ing "The Lawn." He also owned  
Miriswatte Estate in Negombo,  
Arupala Estate, Kandy, and  
Kotagala Estate, Aiswawella, of  
the last-named of which his  
brother-in-law, Mr. S. M. B. S.  
Abbas has been in charge ever  
since the late Mr. Ibrahim bought  
it. He had four sons and one  
daughter, who is married to Mr.  
A. R. A. Razik, as well as 18  
grandchildren and one great-  
grandchild. He gave largely to  
Mohammedan charities and regu-  
larly at Ramadan sent large  
sums of money to his nephews,  
Sheik Mamoud Sheik Ulema of  
Zabeid, for distribution among his  
relatives at home.

The business centre of Aiswawella, where he owned much prop-  
erty too, was in mourning for the  
death of Ibrahim and the flag  
of the Zabr sect to which he be-  
longed was flown at half mast.  
Special prayers were also said in  
the Sitawake Mosque.

Such is the romantic story of  
this paladin of poverty, who be-  
came a veritable merchant prince,  
says the Ceylon Daily News.

Two women, Au Su-chan (15)  
and Au Hol-chan (11), were in-  
jured when a portion of the roof of  
No. 66 Peel Street collapsed at 2.30  
o'clock this morning. Both victims  
were rescued by the Police and re-  
moved to the Government Civil  
Hospital. Their condition is not  
serious.

## Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
June 10, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4%.

There will shortly take place,  
a small but novel event in the local  
shipping world—the first reinforced  
concrete ship ever built here will be  
launched from the yard of Messrs.  
Brossard, Mopin in Hingham.

This craft has been designed by  
Messrs. Brossard Mopin to make  
trips between Hong Kong and Can-  
ton with building materials. Her  
size is 70' over all, beam 17', draught  
5' with a load of 80 tons. She has  
a 450 h.p. motor, and will get a  
practical speed of 5 to 6 miles fully  
loaded.



## ELECTRICITY AND MATTER.

Some Mysteries Yet Unsolved.

MR. BUTCHER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. J. Douglas Butcher, C.E.E., M.I.E.E., A.M.I.E.E., in the course of an interesting lecture on "Electricity" given before the Rotary Club at the weekly tiffin yesterday, briefly discussed the source, production, and uses of electrical power.

Mr. Butcher commenced by stating that it was more than likely that the wonderful something called "electricity" would one day be proved to be the foundation of electricity—either in a particular kind of motion being possibly the source of electrical power. If one could picture tiny portions of ether set into rapid vortex motion, one visualised what was called a unit of electricity. So far this seemed the only reasonable explanation.

## The Electron.

These units were known as electrons, which had been likened to knots on a piece of string. A knot was composed of string in a particular configuration, and yet was not like the rest of the string. In a similar way electricity was probably composed of ether, but either in a special form or configuration.

The atom, according to the modern idea was like a miniature planetary system. There was a central positive core called a proton and around that core, circled elliptically the negative electrons. Atoms were composed of nothing but charges of electricity.

## How X-Rays Arise.

The phenomenon known as the X-rays arose when a stream of electrons bombarded any form of matter. X-rays differed from wireless waves only in the fact that they were exceedingly short, whilst wireless waves were long. It had been found possible to arrange the elements in order according to the wave lengths of the X-rays, they omitted. Electricity was therefore atomic in structure—the mass or weight of the electron was entirely an electrical effect, due solely to the electrical charge which it carried. The electron therefore constituted a real atom of electricity.

As regards production of electricity, Mr. Butcher said that it was never really generated. What was done was merely to put in motion, by various means, electrons, with a resulting motion called electric current. The action was nothing more than the handing along of electrons from one atom to another. Physicists had measured electrons, and found them to be bodies far smaller than the smallest atom of matter. Different atoms were now known to be composed of a different number of electrons, and by their different number and grouping they constituted the different chemical elements. By this grouping it could be said that the whole of matter was electrically constituted.

The speaker then explained the generating and transmission system in Hong Kong, going on to discuss the development of the first carbon filament glow lamp by Swan and Edison, the tantalum filament lamp, and finally the tungsten lamp.

## The Neon Light.

After outlining the principle of the arc lamp, and the mercury vapour lamp, Mr. Butcher spoke of the modern Neon light, which he said in some respects was similar to the Moore tube lamp. The gas neon was obtained as a by-product in the liquefaction of oxygen from the atmosphere. It was used in a high-tension tube, the electrical pressure, which might be up to 15,000 volts, being obtained by the use of step-up transformers.

Neon was naturally orange-red in colour, but practically any colour could be obtained by the introduction of other gases combined with coloured tubing.

Mr. Butcher then went on to discuss the innumerable uses of electricity in the modern scheme of things. He showed how cogs of production had in many industries been cut by its use. Incidentally, he revealed the fact that in Hong Kong there were connected to the mains over 1,500 meters totalling nearly 10,000 H.P., and driving 109 different types of machines.

In conclusion he quoted a passage from Sir Oliver Lodge to show what a huge field electricity covers. Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy returned thanks for the excellent address.

New Appointment.

Previous to the address the Chairman, Sir William Hornell, announced the retirement of Mr. A. L. Shields as Chairman of the Programme Committee. Mr. Shields would continue to serve on the General Committee. Mr. J. L. McPherson had agreed to take the vacant position.

A report of the city clerk's office, showing Montreal's growth in size, number of voters and realty values gives the present position as follows: Property value, \$1,246,784,559; area, 50.24 square miles; number of voters, 209,820 and total population, 1,099,409.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

NANCY CARROLL'S LATEST PICTURE.

"LAUGHTER."

When Nancy Carroll appeared in "The Devil's Holiday" at the Paramount Theatre in New York early last Summer, the metropolitan newspapers were as one in citing her capabilities as a remarkably talented actress. This public appreciation of her gift for the weighty type of character-portrayal had Paramount to decide upon "Laughter" as her next dramatic release.

"Laughter" comes to the King's Theatre to-day and is an original story written by Douglas Doty and Harry D'Arrast. In the play Nancy is seen as the ex-Follies girl who marries a very wealthy old man, her "second choice," after her young lover forsakes her in favour of an exciting trip to Paris. Upon his return to New York her "first love" becomes a pal of Nancy's husband but slyly attempts to make advances to her. The dramatic and thrilling events that follow are the high points of interest in this powerful show.

The part of the pillantering lover is played by Freddie March, the capable young leading man who deserted the stage for the talkies about two years ago and who has since achieved considerable distinction as a portrayer of emotional roles. He was in "The Wild Party," "The Studio Murder Mystery," "Sarah and Son" and "Manslaughter." March never played opposite Miss Carroll before this picture, and was only in one production with her—"Paramount on Parade." Being in different sketches in that famous revue picture, they were, of course, not exactly "together" in it.

## "SHOW OF SHOWS."

"Show" of "Shows," Warner Bros. and Vitaphone super-revue, is now at the Queen's Theatre. This greatest of all screen presentations has scores upon scores of famous stars in the cast and supporting characters numbering over half a thousand. A dozen dancing teams are in evidence among them the celebrated Adagio Dancers and the Warner Bros. song-writing staff has written many delightful songs.

One of the "most uproarious" of the many glittering sequences is "Mexican Moonshine," a bit of clever tomfoolery in which Monte Blue, Lee Moran, Kalla Pasha, Tully Marshall, Albert Gran and Frank Fay are featured.

Among the stars may be mentioned, John Barrymore, Richard Barthelmess, Betty Compson, Beatrice Lillie, Irene Bordoni, Georges Carpentier, Grant Withers, Alice White, Patsy Ruth Miller, Myrna Loy, Winnie Lightner, Nick Lucas, and Douglas Fairbanks, jun. The extravaganza was directed by John Adolf. It is filmed in technical colour, except for two sequences which require black and white for contrast. Larry Ceballos and Jack Haskell did the stage and dance presentations and supervision of the entire production was in the hands of Darryl Francis Zanuck.

## "THE SKY HAWK"

A noted comedy team is seen and heard in action in "The Sky Hawk," the stirring old talking picture of war-time aviation now showing at the World Theatre. Billy Beavan and Daphne Pollard, whose fun making has been a feature of hundreds of Sennett comedies appear in this Fox Movietone sensation. John Blystone directed. John Garrick, Helen Chandler and Gilbert Emery are featured.

## "LOTTERY BRIDE"

The magnificent pictorial photography in "Lottery Bride," Arthur Hammerstein's dramatic operetta, coming to the Queen's Theatre, is largely credited to Ray June, one of the camera chiefs at the United Artists studios. June is also responsible for the photography also in "Alibi," "New York Nights," "Puttin' On The Ritz" and other United Artists features. In the technical colour scenes June was aided by Karl Freund, noted German cameraman, whose services were asked for by Paul L. Stein, director. Jeanette MacDonald and John Garfield play the leads in "Lottery Bride," singing songs created by Rudolf Friml, famous composer. Others in the cast are Joseph Macaulay, Robert Chisholm, Carroll Nye, Joe E. Brown, ZaSu Pitts, Max Davidson and Harry Gribbon.

Total purchases arising out of Montreal's Buyers' Week from February 14 to 21, under the auspices of the Montreal Board of Trade, amounted to \$925,528.81, according to an official statement just released. In which there is a classification of commodities bought by men, women and children's dresses, at \$241,896, and followed by general dry goods at \$240,862.

## SILK HOSE MADE FROM WOOD PULP.

Bewildering Machines That Never Err.

CARDBOARD BRAINS.

I write to-day of hose, of hose for the woman, half-hose for the man, and socks for the little boy who howls down the side street, writes F. G. H. Salisbury, Daily Express Special Representative.

Such are the technical differences between what you and I loosely call socks and stockings. I could wish, on reflection, that "hose" were in more general use. It is a good word; Shakespeare used it; Queen Elizabeth used it. "Another pair of hose gone west with Drake," she said, on a famous occasion; then ripped them off and flung them at a wench, exclaiming, "Darn them!"

You remember? Hose, half-hose, and socks. The factory employing more than two thousand hands, which I have just visited turns them out by the hundred thousand. It produces also an enormous variety of jumpers—"ladies' outer wear"—and bathing costumes. "Anything knitted!" it says, with its hand on its heart: "Pray command me."

Having written so much I pause, surrounded by a fog of tobacco smoke, and tapping my fountain pen against my teeth. A problem confronts me, which is to describe to others as unlearned as myself the most marvellous machines I have ever seen. I watched one, hypnotised by the lunge and flicker of the needles, for a quarter of an hour while an elderly man who has worked it, and others like it, for thirty odd years, told me all about it with the fondness a mother devotes to recounting the cleverness of her only child.

Then I had to ask him to begin again; and he did—just as the mother would have done.

My tour began in the winding room where the yarn for whatever purpose—and it is "yarn," be it of silk, wool or artificial silk—is wound on to the spools which feed the machines.

Shimmering Skeins. The artificial silk, which is made from wood pulp, comes in skeins; and it is pretty to see a dozen shimmering skeins, looped round wire drums, being transferred, at an incredible number of revolutions a minute, to the ever fattening spools below.

I recommend any husband who has been trained in "holding" wool for his wife to have this device installed in the home—not that his wife could be compared with an ever fattening spool: I hope no one had that impression.

The room was humming with the noise of belts taking power from the shafts overhead, and of countless spools whizzing round on a seemingly endless perspective of benches. A rainbow had been captured and its colours spilled over the threads. Girls moved everywhere, renewing the spools, knotting broken threads, guarding the machines angelically and with grimly angelic efficiency. I followed the spools into the room of miraculous machines. Imagine twelve steel-toothed combs, of which each tooth is a barbed needle, arranged along the face of an exquisitely complicated mass of wheels, shafts, cogs, cams, and rods, whose structure is, in shape, something like a fourteen-foot-long upright piano.

The spools are on spikes of the top. Their yarn descends to a "carrier," a bird's head of steel which slips the yarn in its beak—once a carrier to each comb. The machine starts. The carriers rasp—left! right! left! right!—across the steel needles. With each rasp a line of knitting is done, just like that, "zzzz," and the top of a stocking appears.

Now, stockings are of two kinds. There is the "frame fashion" kind—the superior one—which is knitted as a flat piece, shaped down each side to fit the leg, and seamed up the back afterwards; and there is the seamless, which is made on a circular "comb" of needles, and which comes out like a cylinder. The machine I have just described is for the "frame fashion" kind. It does its shaping automatically, two needles being cast off at a time from each end of the lot as the stocking needs to be narrower. This machine produces plain stockings. Its brother, next door, produces patterns, with the aid of forty carriers and forty tiny spools to each set of needles.

Here is the superb miracle—the control of the carriers, each bearing its separate coloured thread by a trip of perforated cardboard. Design in Code. The cardboard strips contain the design, as it were, in code. They revolve slowly beneath steel rods, or "droppers," and whenever a rod finds a perforation through which it can drop, it works a carrier. The man in charge of the machine simply finds it. A brain in cardboard sees to the pattern. And out they come, plain and patterned stockings, six pairs a

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social.

Saturday—Hotel Cecil, Special engagement, of Prof. A. Barna, world-renowned cymbalist, at dinner dance.

## Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Laughter." To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Show of Shows." To-day—Central Theatre; "The Broadway Hoofers." To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Vagabond Lover." To-day—World Theatre; "The Sky Hawk." To-day—Star Theatre; "Arizona Kid."

## Meetings.

June 15—Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel. June 17—Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Building. June 17—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardines, noon.

## Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Kaga Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Wilson), 6 p.m. Friday—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Shinyo Maru and Katori Maru); from Europe via Negapatam (Hakone Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru), 3.30 p.m. Lammer's Auction.

June 17—18—Metropole Hotel furniture, 22, Ice House Street, 10.30 a.m.

## Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 8.

machine, every forty minutes. They lack soles, however, and their heels are represented by two strips, one on each side of the upper part of the foot. So the heel strips are joined and to them is knitted a sole by a man called a "footer." Then the sole and the upper are seamed along the sides; the stocking is seamed up the back; and the opening left at the toe is closed. The result, madam, is half a pair of hose.

I wish I had space in which to analyse my awe of the seamless machines which produce yards of cylindrical stockings and socks like strings of sausages, to be snipped apart the moment after they are made. The same sort of machine makes seamless bathing costumes and jumpers—gigantic sausages.

Then there are, for admiration, the dye-works—full of overpowering vapours to a stranger—the scouring room where it is always washing day, and where all impurities are pounded out of stockings and socks not previously cleaned in the "yarn" state; and the seaming and linking room, where sewing machines whirl for ever and 200 girls never make a mistake.

Which brings me back to the seamless stockings; for it is here that a false seam is sewn up the back of the stocking to give it style. Then it is slipped over a flat piece of wood, cut like a beautiful leg in profile, and steam-pressed to perfection.

I have seen buttons stitched on "outer wear," and buttonholes made, one every three seconds. I have seen girl examiners, buried in piles of stockings, passing or rejecting each one more quickly than you could say "half-hose."

And I have learned that there is sometimes a mile of yarn in a man's sock. Two miles of marvel on my "poor old feet"—it is the title of a song!

## A WEEK'S DISEASES.

TUBERCULOSIS, ENTERIC FEVER AND PUERPERAL FEVER.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended June 6 is as follows:

Cases. Deaths. Enteric fever 4 1 Puerperal fever 1 1 Tuberculosis 52

## Summary to June 6.

The returns from January 1 to June 6 give the following figures—

Cases. Deaths. Typhoid 79 16 Small-pox 14 9 Scarlet fever 2 2 Diphtheria 59 22 Cerebro-spinal fever 11 5 Puerperal fever 6 3 Tuberculosis 1,183

Fifteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, and one cerebro-spinal fever case, and 16 diphtheria cases.

Twenty-one fishermen have completed the course at the Fisheries Experimental Farm, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and received their diplomas. The men came from various parts of the Maritimes and the Magdalen Islands.

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## WATER RETURN.

ALL RESERVOIRS BELOW OVERFLOW.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on June 1, 1931, were as under—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tyiam .....	23' 7" B	25' 8" B
Tyiam Eyewash .....	21' 9" B	24' 4" B
Tyiam Intermediate .....	43' 9" B	8' 8" B
Tyiam Tuk .....	63' 2" B	33' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	27' 5" B	17' 5" B
Pokfulum .....	21' 1" B	8' 1" B
Notes: E. denotes "Below Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"; S. denotes "Storage in millions and decimals of gallons."		

	1930	1931
Tyiam .....	214.60	209.74
Tyiam Eyewash .....	1.69	.98
Tyiam Intermediate .....	32.98	150.34
Tyiam Tuk .....	320.16	727.68
Wong Nei Chung .....	5.36	11.84
Pokfulum .....	20.85	49.68
Total .....	595.84	1,138.10

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption .....	288.16	341.62
Estimated population .....	442,980	410,650
Consumption per head per day .....	20.4	26.8

Includes 95.07 million gallons from Mainland.

Includes 95.03 million gallons from Mainland.

May 1930.—From May 1 to 31, a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rides Main Districts (Principal Mains closed 6 p.m.—6 a.m.) with the exception of the area North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street where a constant supply was maintained during the whole month.

May, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir and Byewash .....	16' 6" B	11' 9" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	8' 11" B	L
Reception Reservoir .....	10' 1" B	1' 7" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons .....		

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir and Byewash .....	202.00	241.10
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	82.69	110.10
Reception Reservoir .....	8.46	28.97
Total .....	293.15	380.17

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption .....	134.68	159.88
Estimated population .....	175,360	280,150
Consumption per head per day .....	24.7	28.0

Constant supply in all districts during May, 1930 and 1931.

The Government Analysts' reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall: May 31, 1930, 13.17; May 31, 1931, 24.28.

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London, Yesterday. Admiral, of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes strikes his flag at sunset in Nelson's "Victory," now the flagship of the Portsmouth station.

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Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, states that ninety acres of new orchards had been established last year; the Government assisting with a bonus of 25 cents a tree. The poultry industry in 1930, he added, had increased its receipts by 25 per cent. About 85 per cent of the eggs and poultry used in the province, he said, are imported.

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PLAYERS.

Brilliance of Shields  
and Woods.

FRANCE CHALLENGED.

After facing a field of the strong-  
est tennis players in the two  
Americas, Sydney B. Wood, Jun.,  
and Frank X. Shields, the youthful  
Davis Cup team are now well on the  
road to Paris and the cup.

Having travelled a path which  
brought them into competition with  
Mexico, Canada, and Argentina,  
they now have Britain to defeat  
before entering into the challenge  
round with France.

The splendid showing of these  
youngsters has given many ardent  
fans new hope that the Davis cup  
may be brought back to the United  
States where it belongs. Wood is  
only nineteen whilst Shields is  
twenty. Early in the year, many  
were lamenting the fact that Tilden  
and Vincent Richards could not  
represent America against France.  
Now, however, they believe that it  
is well that these two will not re-  
present America again, as the new  
combination is regarded as a more  
powerful body. The youth and  
brilliance of the Americans are re-  
garded as being sufficient to dis-  
count the experience of their op-  
ponents.

Vincent Richards, the well-known  
tennis professional, declares that  
Shields has one fault—nervous-  
ness. Richards says:

"When he gets a little older and  
overcomes that nervousness, he'll  
be hard for any man to beat."

Wood lacks the strength and  
physique of Shields, but he is a  
cool player and master of a soft  
game that pesters a hard hitter to  
distraction. He holds No. 4 in  
the national ranking, only Wilmer  
Allison separating him from  
Shields.

He came into the limelight with a  
rush last Summer. During the  
Seabright tourney, this tall youth  
mixed his soft-strokes with sizzling  
drives to halt the sensational cam-  
paigning of Ellsworth Vines, who had  
played havoc with Frank Hun-  
ter, George Lott and others.  
Vines cracked up in straight sets  
under this very trying change of  
pace.

Wood's fine work did not end  
with the Seabright championships,  
however. He trounced George  
Lott at Southampton and followed  
this with a victory over Shields  
after that young man had defeated  
Tilden. Going into the finals at  
Southampton, Wood continued his  
deliberate, easy-going game to win  
the championship from Allison.

### Our Sports Diary.

**LOCAL.**  
WATER POLO.—To-day.—Divi-  
sion I.—V.R.C. v. Chinese Bathing  
Club, 6 p.m.; Division II.—Royal  
Artillery v. Kowloon "B", 6.30  
p.m.

**LAWN TENNIS.—To-day.—**  
"A" Division—  
K.C.C. v. R.C.C.  
I.R.C. v. M.B.K.  
A.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.  
C.S.C.C. v. University.  
South China v. C.R.C.  
C.C.C. v. U.S.R.C.

"C" Division—  
C.R.C. v. Y.M.C.A.  
R.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.  
K. Indians v. University.  
K.C.C. v. Deutscher Club.  
I.R.C. v. South China.  
Saturday—"A" Division—  
South China v. M.B.K.  
I.R.C. v. K.C.C.  
C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.

"B" Division—  
M.B.K. v. R.C.C.  
I.R.C. v. K.C.C.  
Nippon Club v. C.C.C.  
C.R.C. v. University.  
U.S.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.  
"C" Division—  
R.C.C. v. Y.M.C.A.  
C.C.C. v. C.R.C.  
University v. K.C.C.  
C.S.C.C. v. South China.  
A.C.C. v. K. Indians.  
H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C.

**LAWN BOWLS.—Saturday.—**  
Division I—  
Craigengower v. Kowloon Docks.  
K.B.G.C. v. K.C.C.  
R.C.C. v. Police.  
Taikeo v. C.S.C.C.  
Division II—  
Yacht Club v. Taikeo.  
K.C.C. v. Craigengower.  
C.S.C.C. v. R.C.C.  
H.K. Electric v. K.B.G.C.

**HOME.**  
CRICKET.—To-day, To-morrow,  
and Friday.

Middlesex v. Worcester.  
Kent v. Northants.  
Sussex v. Glamorgan.  
Notts v. Essex.  
Cambridge U. v. Leicester.  
Hampshire v. Lancashire.  
Gloucester v. Lancashire.  
Gentlemen v. Players.  
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.  
Middlesex v. Notts.  
Sussex v. Surrey.  
Kent v. Lancashire.  
Somerset v. Essex.  
Yorkshire v. Leicester.  
Northants v. Hampshire.  
Worcester v. Glamorgan.  
Warwick v. Gloucester.  
Cambridge U. v. Free Foresters.  
Derbyshire v. New Zealanders.  
GOLF.—To-day, Friday.—Bel-  
lish Ladies' Open at Portmarnock.  
French Open Championship.  
RACING.—To-morrow.—New-  
bury Summer Cup.

NO THRILLS IN LOW  
SCORING GAME.

KENT WIN AGAIN.

Freeman and Marriott  
Trouble Leicester.

POOR CONDITIONS.

London, Yesterday.

Lancashire, the Champions, came  
into their own at Lord's to-day  
when they defeated Middlesex by  
63 runs after a very low scoring  
match. The home county were  
within 11 runs of the Lancashire  
first innings total when their last  
wicket fell, and were soon in diffi-  
culty in the fourth innings  
against the very accurate bowling  
of Tyldesley (R.). This is Lanca-  
shire's third victory of the season  
and Middlesex's first defeat.

At Edgbaston, the game between  
Warwickshire and Hampshire had  
to be abandoned as a draw with  
the home county 111 runs in  
arrear with half their wickets in  
hand. Mead failed by seven runs  
in his effort to equal W. G. Grace's  
record—126 centuries in first-class  
cricket. Earlier in the season he  
got within two runs of his object  
against the New Zealanders before  
being clean bowled by W. E. Mer-  
ritt.

At Leicester, Kent registered  
their fifth victory of the season at  
the expense of Leicestershire.  
After losing five wickets for 300  
runs A. P. F. Chapman declared  
the innings closed and, with Free-  
man and Marriott offering the per-  
fect combination, was in a position  
to enforce the follow on. Both  
bowlers met with further success  
in Leicester's second venture and  
were responsible for the innings  
victory.

The following were the most  
noteworthy batting and bowling  
figures accomplished during the  
week-end cricket programme:

**Batting.**  
Shepherd (Surrey) ..... 167\*  
Bakewell (Northants) ..... 113  
Hammond (Gloucester) ..... 100  
Lee (Somerset) ..... 98  
Mead (Gloucester) ..... 96  
Mead (Hampshire) ..... 93  
denotes not out.

**Bowling.**  
Parker (Gloucester) ..... 10 for 83  
Freeman (Kent) ..... 10 for 127  
Marriott (Kent) ..... 9 for 93  
Paine (Warwick) ..... 7 for 130  
Tyldesley (R.) (Lancs.) 6 for 55  
Townsend (Derby) ..... 5 for 59  
Gover (Surrey) ..... 5 for 50  
V. W. C. Jupp (North-  
ants) ..... 5 for 54  
G. L. Weir (N.Z.) ..... 5 for 57  
Mercer (Glamorgan) ..... 5 for 57  
C. C. Case (Somerset v. Surrey)  
Shepherd (Surrey) ..... 5 for 60  
Ryan (Glamorgan) ..... 4 for 38  
Goddard (Gloucester) ..... 4 for 29  
\* Wickets taken in both innings.

Bright cricket was witnessed at  
the Oval where Surrey and Essex  
struggled desperately for first innings  
points. Tom Shepherd, the Surrey  
veteran, displayed all his old skill  
in compiling an undefeated innings  
of 167 scored out of 285. Essex  
found Gover in good form with the  
ball but it was a very open game  
for the major points before the  
last visiting batsman fell.

Northamptonshire gained their  
first victory of the season at Ket-  
tering to-day, defeating Glamor-  
gan by five wickets. Bakewell,  
who is showing excellent form this  
season, lent valuable aid to the  
Northants total of 190 by scoring  
113.

Continuous rain at Hull did not  
allow a ball to be bowled in the  
match between Yorkshire and Sus-  
sex. At Bath, Somersetshire held  
the New Zealanders to a draw  
after relinquishing a lead of 11  
runs on the first innings. R. C.  
Blunt, the visiting skipper, distin-  
guished himself by capturing 5  
wickets for 60 runs out of a total  
of 144.

The full results as cabled by  
Reuter were as follows:—  
Lancashire beat Middlesex by 63  
runs at Lord's.

**Scores:—**  
Lancashire: 169 and 200.  
Middlesex: 158 and 148. (Tyldes-  
ley (R.) 6 for 55).

### FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

	1st Inns.	No.	Runs.	Wickets.	Points.
Gloucestershire (2)	10	1	1,000	150	88
Kent (5)	8	1	1,000	120	84
Notts (4)	8	1	1,000	120	71
Middlesex (10)	7	4	1,000	105	70
Lancashire (1)	8	2	1,000	120	56
Worcestershire (10)	8	3	1,000	120	54
Yorkshire (8)	8	3	1,000	105	47
Surrey (8)	10	1	1,000	150	47
Derbyshire (5)	10	1	1,000	135	42
Essex (6)	9	2	1,000	135	39
Sussex (7)	8	2	1,000	120	37
Hampshire (18)	10	1	1,000	105	34
Leicestershire (12)	10	1	1,000	120	28
Northamptonshire (17)	7	1	1,000	105	27
Somersetshire (14)	8	1	1,000	120	24
Glamorgan (11)	8	1	1,000	90	22
Warwickshire (15)	8	0	1,000	120	18

The figures in brackets were the positions occupied by the  
counties at the close of the 1930 season. The method of scoring  
this year is as follows:—16 points for a win, 14 points for a tie,  
12 points for a draw on the first innings, and 10 points for a loss  
on the first innings. 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 2  
points for a win and 1 point for a tie on the first innings.

Hampshire drew with Warwick-  
shire at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

**Scores:—**  
Hampshire: 305 (Mead 98, Paine  
7 for 130).  
Warwick: 194 for 5.

Derbyshire took first innings  
points from Notts at Ilkinston.

**Scores:—**  
Notts: 146 (Townsend 6 for 59).  
Derby: 168 for 2.

Kent beat Leicester by an in-  
nings and 19 runs at Leicester.

**Scores:—**  
Kent: 300 for 5 dec.  
Leicester 148 (Freeman 5 for 68,  
Marriott 5 for 48);  
133 (Freeman 5 for 53,  
Marriott 4 for 50).

Surrey took first innings points  
from Essex at the Oval.

**Scores:—**  
Surrey 285 (Shepherd 167\*);  
Essex: 227 (Gover 5 for 50).

Northamptonshire beat Glamor-  
ganshire by five wickets at Ket-  
tering.

**Scores:—**  
Glamorgan: 114 (V. W. C. Jupp 5  
for 54);  
156.

Northants: 190 (Bakewell 113,  
Mercer 5 for 57,  
Ryan 5 for 63);  
81 for 5.

The match between Yorkshire  
and Sussex at Hull was abandon-  
ed owing to rain. It was impos-  
sible to play on any of the three  
days as the ground was water-log-  
ged. Each county as a result  
secured four points in the Cham-  
pionship table.

Gloucestershire beat Worcester-  
shire by an innings and 71 runs  
on the Waggon Works ground,  
Gloucester.

**Scores:—**  
Worcester: 103 (Parker 5 for 44);  
79 (Parker 5 for 35,  
Goddard 4 for 29).  
Gloucester: 253 for 6 dec. (Ham-  
mond 100, Neale  
96).

### FRIENDLY.

Somersetshire drew with the New  
Zealanders at Bath.

**Scores:—**  
Somerset: 244 (Lee 98, R. C.  
Blunt 5 for 60);  
201 for 9. (G. L.  
Weir 5 for 57).  
New Zealand: 255.

### Century List.

The following have scored cen-  
turies in the County Championship  
competition this season:—  
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 250  
Woolley (Kent) ..... 188  
Hammond (Gloucester v. Sussex) 168\*  
Shepherd (Surrey) ..... 167\*  
Hopwood (Lancashire) ..... 165\*  
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v.  
Surrey) ..... 162  
C. C. Case (Somerset v. Surrey) 155  
Lee (Derby v. Essex) ..... 147  
Hobbs (Surrey) ..... 147  
Bowler (Sussex v. Surrey) ..... 144  
A. W. Carr (Notts v. Northants) 140  
Shepherd (Surrey) ..... 140  
P. G. H. Fender (Surrey v.  
Somerset) ..... 139\*  
Smith (Derby v. Essex) ..... 131  
C. C. Case (Somerset v. Hants) 131  
Sandham (Surrey v. Somerset) 131  
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 129  
Hardinge (Kent v. Essex) ..... 128  
Hobbs (Surrey v. Somerset) ..... 128  
Hendren (Middlesex v. Sussex) 125\*  
Walker (Notts) ..... 125  
Ducat (Surrey) ..... 125  
Hobbs (Surrey v. Sussex) ..... 117  
Astill (Leicester) ..... 115  
R. C. Blunt (Derby v. Surrey) 113\*  
Staples (A.) (Notts) ..... 113  
Bakewell (Northants) ..... 113  
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v.  
Northants) ..... 112  
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex) ..... 112  
Arnold (Hants v. Gloucester) 111  
Woolley (Kent v. Lancs.) ..... 109  
Lee (Middlesex v. Glamorgan) 107  
Rev. J. H. Parsons (Warwick v.  
Somerset) ..... 106  
Bowler (Sussex v. Lancs.) ..... 105  
Hearne (Middlesex v. Glamor-  
gan) ..... 104  
Bowler (Sussex v. Gloucester) 103  
Croft (Warwick v. Derby) ..... 103  
Hammond (Gloucester v. Notts) 103  
Walker (Notts v. Northants) 102\*  
Coak (Sussex v. Gloucester) 101\*  
Hearne (Middlesex v. Glamorgan) 101\*  
P. G. H. Fender (Surrey  
v. Derby) ..... 100\*  
O'Connor (Essex v. Kent) ..... 100  
J. C. White (Somerset) ..... 100  
C. T. Bray (Essex) ..... 100  
R. E. B. Wyatt (Warwick) ..... 100  
Hammond (Gloucester) ..... 100

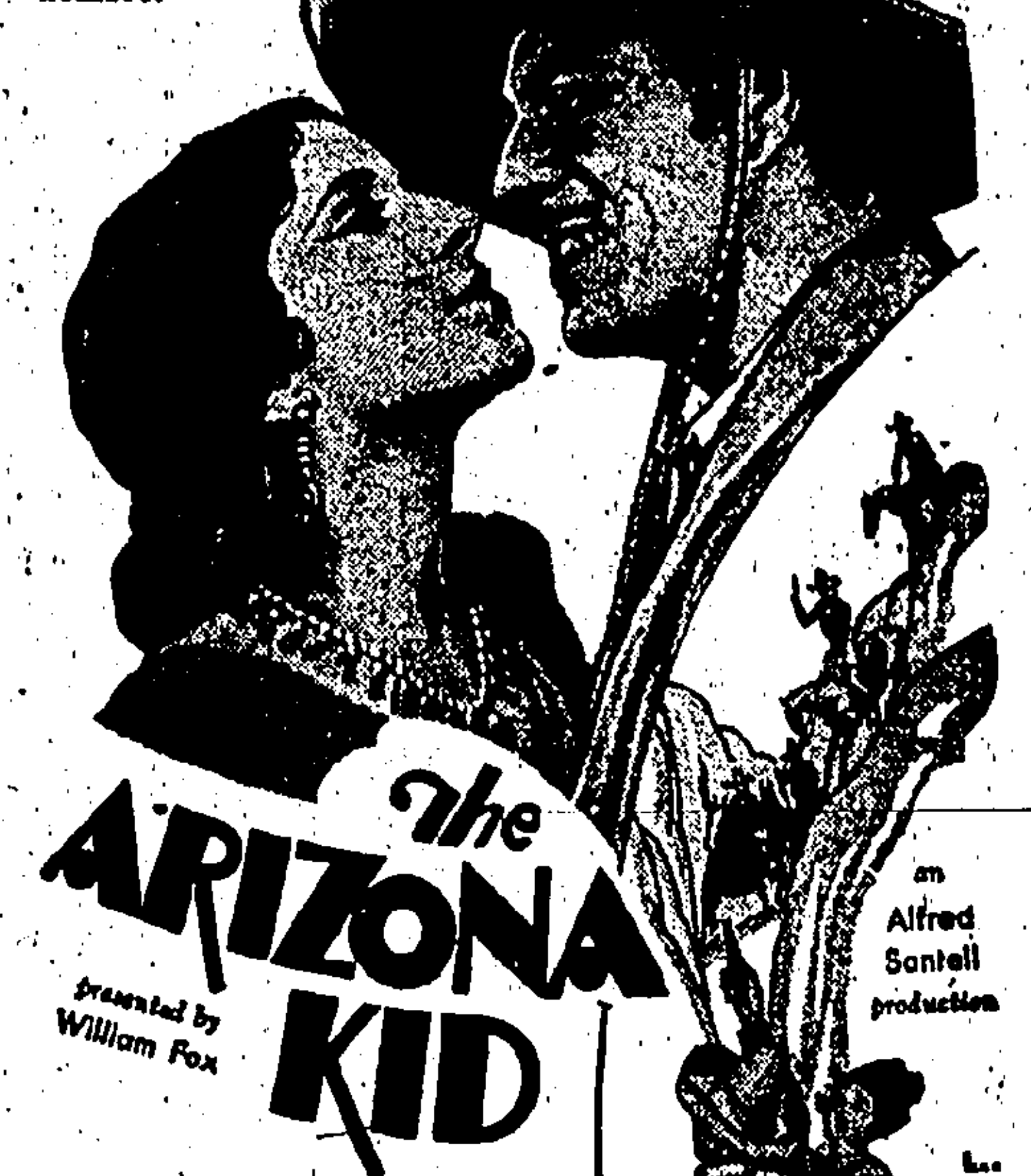
Hearne scored a century in each  
innings.

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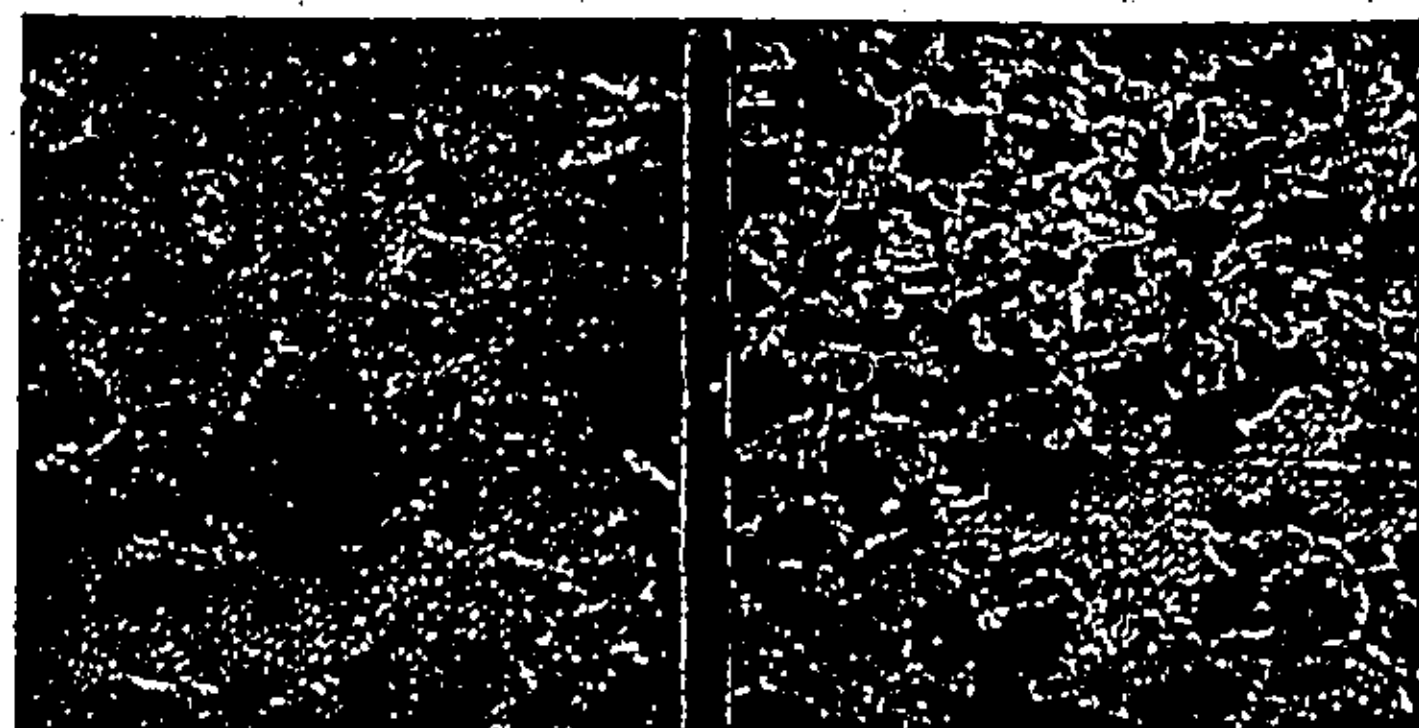
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affair. I said to her 'Do you know of such a thing as Ah Mui, when thirteen years old, being the subject of certain misconduct by her uncle, Se Siu-wun?' She said she did, because Ah Mui had told her at the time.

Mother Kept Silent.  
The girl's mother further said that she had not ever spread the news, because if she had told anyone in the house it would only have made trouble. She wanted to keep things quiet. Witness then asked the women if she had told the girl's father. The woman said she had, but the father said it was merely play between children. The matter would be best left alone, he considered.

Then Ah Mui's mother suggested that I should tell the elder brother of plaintiff (the girl's father), witness added, "so that he might scold the offender. Myself, I wanted to keep the matter quiet. When I found there were other people present when I was about to tell the girl's father, I did not tell him exactly what I wished to do. I asked him instead if his younger brother (plaintiff) was coming back that night. I said there was a job for him. I put it that way to disguise the trouble."

"Wait for Plaintiff."  
Later, witness took the girl's father aside on the verandah. There was nobody there. It was in house No. 15. He then asked the question about the affair, eight years ago privately, and in a low tone. "I said that the girl's mother had suggested that I speak to him, and ask him to speak to his younger brother on the matter. The father told me to wait until plaintiff came back, and then question him."

About 1 a.m. plaintiff had not returned, and the girl's father, tenant of the houses, asked witness to leave. Witness went away, but about 4.45 a.m. the girl's mother came to the Police Station, woke him up, and asked him to come over to the house again. Her husband had sent her.

There were several people there when witness arrived. He sat down, and shortly afterwards the plaintiff came in and sat down at his side. The girl's father then pointed to plaintiff, saying to witness, "Ask him."

A Straight Denial.  
Witness then said to plaintiff that Ah Mui had told him about what happened some years before. He asked plaintiff, "Did you do it?" and the other replied, "No." Plaintiff also asked when this was supposed to have happened. Witness said, "It was when she was thirteen years old."

Plaintiff appeared uneasy, and would not face witness. Witness then said "If you have not done such a thing why should the girl tell me about it?" Plaintiff remained silent, and made no reply. Then he stood up, banged his fist on the table and said "Are you going against me?"

Witness in return banged his fist on the table saying, "I won't challenge you here, but if you want to thrash the matter out I will go to the Police Station with you, and settle it there."

The Art of Litigation.  
Plaintiff replied, "Am I afraid of you? Litigation may be instituted in a crooked manner, and there is never any case fought out in a straightforward way."

The Court interpreter here interposed to state that a free translation would be "The success of litigation depends upon how things are twisted round."

Interested Onlookers.  
Several people had come over from No. 17 when the row started, said witness, and they stayed in the doorway, looking in on the scene. But he wished to

state that four of the persons whose names were mentioned in the writ of summons were not in the sitting room at all at the time.

At this point in the dispute the girl's father said, "We don't know what a Police Station is. If you want to challenge us, take your time." "Because I saw a lot of people coming over I kept quiet," witness concluded. "I left the house at once. I was then thinking that if this matter became generally known it would also affect my reputation."

The Court adjourned at this point, witness stating that he would continue his evidence this morning.

## USE OF CAMPHOR.

## HOW INCREASED PETROL TAX WILL AFFECT MANUFACTURE.

The question of synthetic camphor was raised in the House of Commons recently in the debate with regard to the eliminating of white spirit and turpentine from the increased Petrol Tax. In moving this resolution, Sir George Hamilton dealt specifically with the question of camphor, remarking:—  
Some few years ago the celluloid developing fairly rapidly, and certain chemists put their heads together to discover whether camphor could be produced synthetically; and after some work and the expenditure of no less than £25,000, they discovered that camphor could be produced synthetically in this country. Camphor before had usually come from Formosa, which is part of Japan, but by producing it synthetically in this country, a trade was set up, factories were started, and one factory alone which I know of, in the county of Essex, not very far from London, cost no less than £14,000 and was only put up two or three years ago.

Now comes this tax on turpentine. The main process in the making of synthetic camphor is dependent on turpentine, and you cannot use anything else, and as a result of this tax the extra cost per cwt. of camphor will be raised by 12s. 4d. This business is a new business, a struggling business, one which is only just getting on its feet, and it is in keen competition with Germany. The Germans are also making synthetic camphor in the same way, and the users of camphor, the manufacturers of celluloid in this country, do not at present buy from Germany because our price here is just the same. May I point out that when I say "our price," I have no financial interest in this matter whatever, so that I need not be suspected in any way. I mean the British price. The British manufacturers' price is only just equal to the German price, and this extra 2d. will just spoil their market, it will lose their trade, and Germany will come in.

We hear much said about helping the unemployed, but this tax will undoubtedly create more unemployment in this small industry as it is. I personally happen to know two factories that are now producing this synthetic camphor. One is in my own Division, that of Messrs. Howard & Sons, who are very big chemical manufacturers, and the other is in the county of Essex, just a few miles further on. Both these businesses are just holding their own; it is just worth while to produce this synthetic camphor at home, and they are just able to sell it in competition with the German manufacturers. The total cost of a remission of the Turpentine Duty on this particular product, synthetic camphor, would only be a matter of a few thousand pounds.

There are only some three or four factories that produce synthetic camphor. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer cannot accept the whole of the amendment, would he at any rate consider giving a rebate on Turpentine used for the production of synthetic camphor in this country? Later in the debate, the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. W. Graham) referred to the mat-

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	Bank, wire .....	11 1/2
	Bank, on demand .....	11 1/2
	Bank, 4 months' sight .....	11 3/16
	Credits, 4 months' sight .....	11 13/16
	Documentary, 4 months' sight .....	11 15/16
On Paris—	On demand .....	576
	Credits, 4 months' sight .....	615
On Berlin—	On demand .....	Nom.
On New York—	On demand .....	22 9/10
	Credits, 60 days' sight .....	23 11/16
On Bombay—	Wire .....	62 1/2
	On demand .....	62 1/2
On Calcutta—	Wire .....	62 1/2
	On demand .....	62 1/2
On Singapore—	On demand .....	40%
On Manila—	On demand .....	45%
On Shanghai—	On demand .....	77 1/2
	Dollar .....	63 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—	On demand .....	45%
	Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) .....	113 1/2
	Silver (per oz.) .....	12 5/16
	Bar Silver in Hong Kong .....	1% prem.
	Copper Cash .....	Nom.
	Copper Cents .....	3% prem.
	Rate of Native Interest .....	3 1/2% p.a.
	Chinese Sub. Coin .....	24 1/2% dis.
	Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

## LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	Paris .....	124.25 1/2
	New York .....	4.86 17/32
	Brussels .....	34.92 1/2
	Geneva .....	25.07 1/2
	Amsterdam .....	12.09 1/2
	Milan .....	92.92 1/2
	Berlin .....	20.5
	Stockholm .....	18.15 1/2
	Copenhagen .....	18.16 1/2
	Oslo .....	18.16 1/2
	Vienna .....	34.62 1/2
	Prague .....	164 1/2
	Helsingfors .....	193 1/2
	Madrid .....	50.3
	Lisbon .....	110 1/2
	Athens .....	375
	Bucharest .....	817 1/2
	Rio .....	3%
	Buenos Aires .....	34%
	Montevideo .....	29 1/2
	Bombay .....	1/8 1/2
	Shanghai .....	1/2
	Yokohama .....	2/11 3/32
	Hong Kong .....	1 1/2
	Silver Spot & Forward .....	12 5/16

—British Wireless Service.

ter, saying: This case of synthetic camphor is confined to one firm, with possibly a second, and I think it can also be shown that competition is not so much with an imported article of the same kind, as, perhaps, with the natural camphor from Japan. Inasmuch as no turpentine remains in the final product here, I am inclined to agree that there is perhaps a case of a kind to be made, within limits, in this matter, but, against that, it must be remembered that going back to the time of the establishment of the factory, which I think the hon. member has in mind, there has been, even allowing for the inclusion of the duty, a very substantial fall in the cost of turpentine, I think from about 60s. per cwt. to 45s. or 44s.

—Singapore Free Press.

## MOVE ON CANTON.

## NANKING TROOPS ON THE BORDER.

Nanking, Yesterday.  
(Delayed by censor).  
Private advices from Hunan province state that eight divisions of Government troops are now near Yichang, on the Hunan-Kwangtung border, only twenty miles separating them from the Cantonese forces. The reports state that so far there have been no clashes.—Reuter.

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

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STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Novm.	Fin. Year	Last dividend and when paid
<b>Banks.</b>						
Hong Kong Bank .....	2010	...	...	...	...	[Final 45 bonus 41] Mar. '31
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 77 bonus 75 subject to] Mar. '31
Mercantile Bk., A.B. .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 77 bonus 75 subject to] Apr. '31
Bank of Asia .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] Feb. 23, '31
<b>Insurance.</b>						
Canton Ins. ....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 19, '31
Union Ins. ....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
*China Underwriters .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
China Fire Ins. ....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
H. K. Fire Ins. ....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Shipping.</b>						
Douglas .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
H. K. Steamboat .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Indo-China (Pref.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Shell Transport .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Union Waterboat .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Mining.</b>						
Benguet .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Kailan Mining Ad. .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Langkai (Single) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
S'hai Exploration .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Loans .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
*Rango .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Venezuela Gold Fields .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>						
H. K. & W. Wharves .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
H. K. & W. Docks .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
South Ch. Motors .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
*China Providents (old) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Hongkong .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
N. Engineering .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Shanghai Docks .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>						
*H. K. & S. Hotels .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(R.R.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
H.K. Lands .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Shanghai Lands .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Humphreys (old) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
H. K. Realities .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Chinese Estates .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>						
*Ewo Cotton .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Shanghai Cotton .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Zoong Sings .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Public Utilities.</b>						
*H. K. Tramways .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Peak Tram (old) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Star Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
*China Light .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
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Macao .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Sandakan Light .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
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part paid .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
China Buses .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
S'pore Traction (Ord.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(Pref.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Yau-mai Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
<b>Industrials.</b>						
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Malayan Sugars .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Cold Mfg. Ord. .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Pref. .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Canton Ice .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
*Cement (com.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(old) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
H. K. Ropes .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
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Watsons .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
Der A Wings .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
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Wm. Powells .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Final 100 bonus 100] May 29, '31
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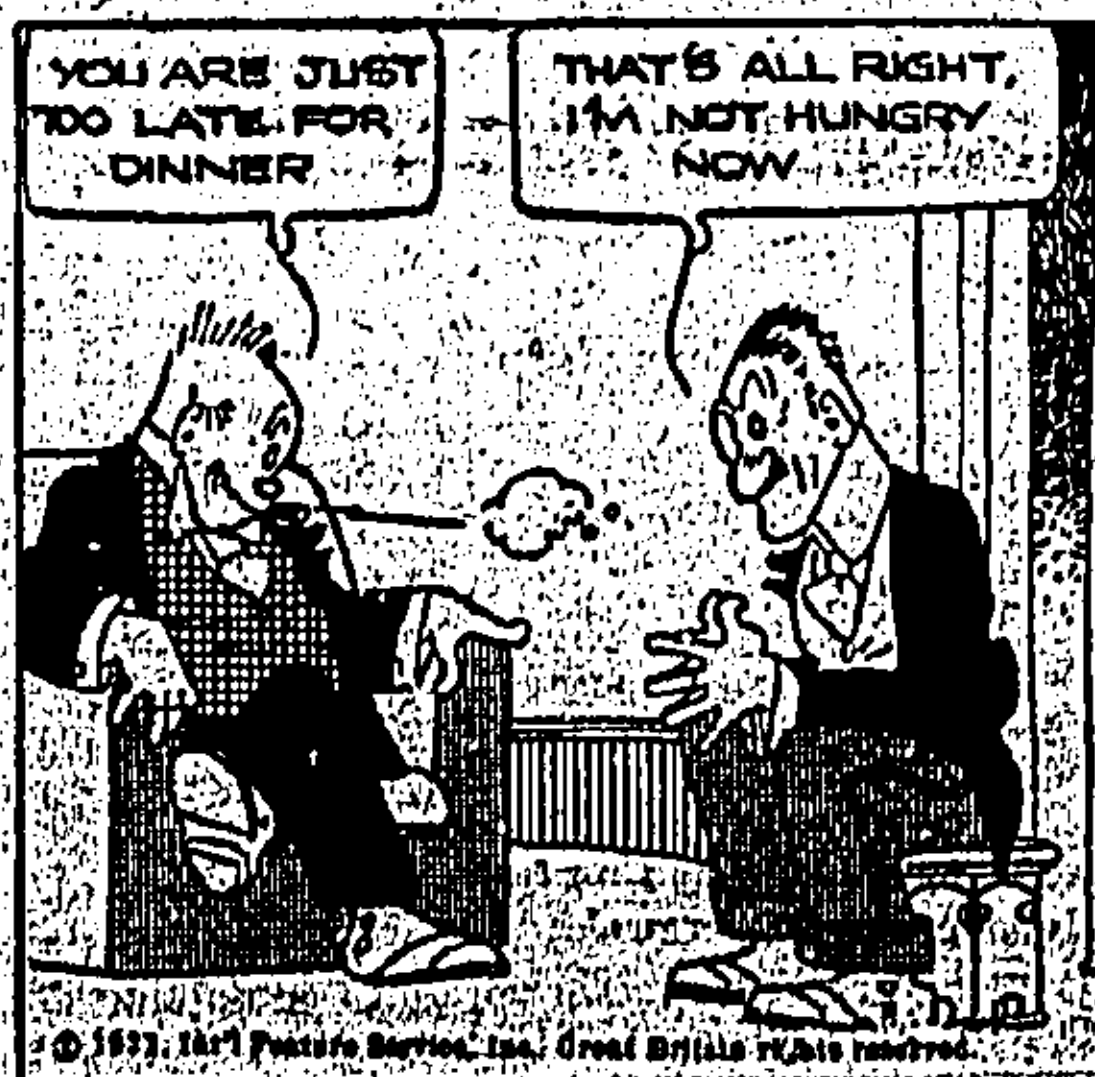
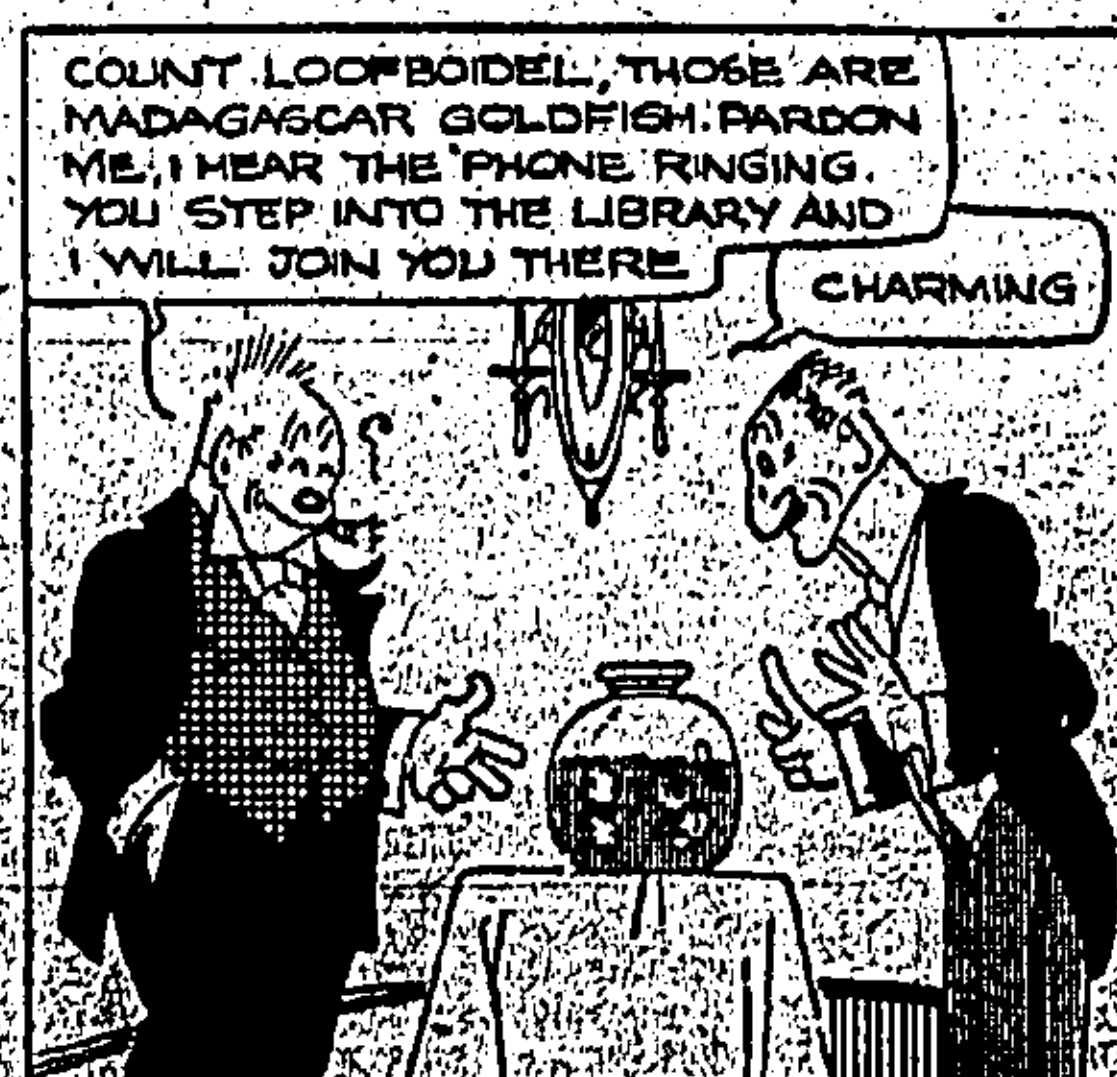
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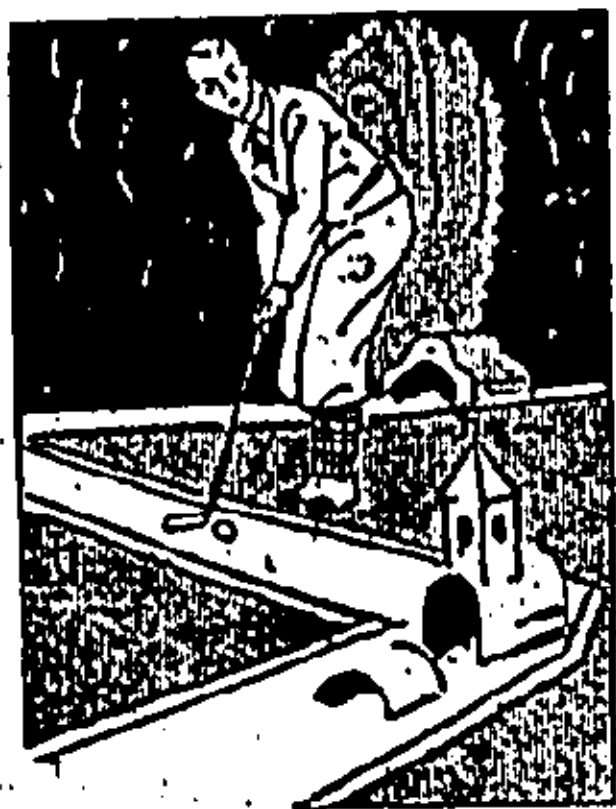
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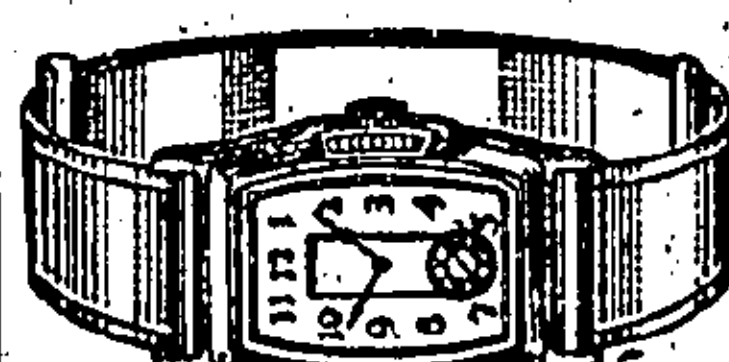
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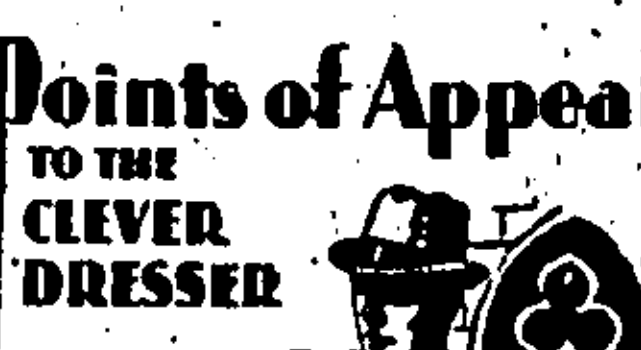
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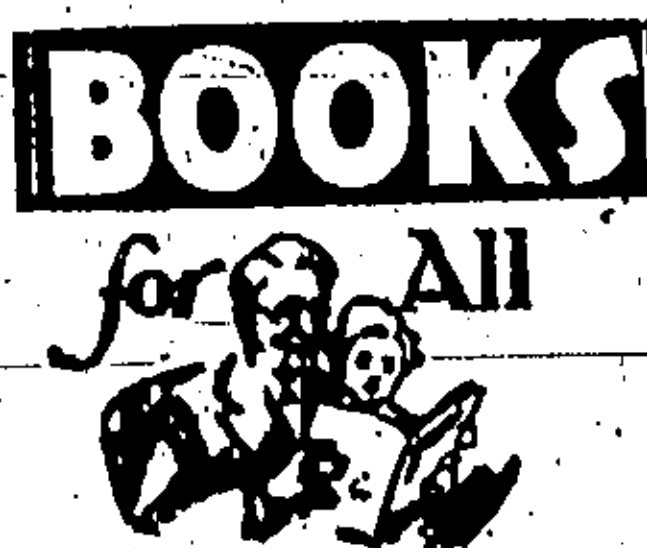
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could have been reduced by at  
least two valves, and still have  
been very audible. Agha is  
proud of his voice, and lets it  
boom on all four valves at every  
opportunity.

"But I must say Allah has been  
very good in keeping trouble-  
some women out of my life to a  
great extent," he went on.

"Once I was in terrible trouble  
however. It was when I first ar-  
rived in Constantinople in 1800. I  
was wearing black slippers when  
I came into the town. I had  
ridden 23 days on horseback to  
get there.

A Young Giant.

"Well, apparently the Sultan  
or his guard—all these officials  
looked like giants to me, for I  
was only a country yokel—were  
offended at my black shoes. Ap-  
parently I should have been  
wearing yellow ones. So they ar-  
rested me and took me to a dun-  
geon.

"On the way, we passed a slave  
market, and in a little ring I  
saw a beautiful, fair-haired  
maiden. She was up for sale as  
a slave.

"I didn't know that then. All  
I knew was that there was a girl  
whom everyone seemed to be  
laughing at.

"It was then a young giant, and  
I could not tolerate this, so I  
roared in this great voice of mine  
which had frightened the Arabs  
in my own country.

"Well, she was my wife for five  
years, and we had three children,  
but a plague killed her and the  
children too.

"My seventh wife was a good  
girl. I was then getting on in  
years. Of course, I didn't know  
I was going to live so long, but  
she looked after me very well, for  
what was really a good long mar-  
ried life."

The old man stood up, stretch-  
ed himself, and his voice rang  
out like a train in a tunnel.

"Women have been good to me,  
I think. But, then, look at me.  
I was a fine big fellow. I was  
champion wrestler of Turkey. I  
could carry heavy guns on my  
shoulders, which I did in some of  
the wars, because Turkey was  
always fighting Russia.

"Be Strong!"

"If you don't take the women  
too seriously and do something to  
make them admire you..."

and he winked deliberately.

"Make them, perhaps, a little  
frightened of you by being very  
strong or talking in a big voice.  
They will look after you."

I told him that a great London  
hospital was anxious to examine  
his heart and lungs. He griped.

"What for? I have lived 150  
years without seeing a doctor.  
Allah gave me such good heart  
and lungs, they don't want re-  
pairing. Besides, I don't like  
hospitals. I saw one in America.  
There are too many sick people  
there."

"Honey and rice keep you fit,  
and don't bother about the doc-  
tors. People only see doctors  
when they are not well. The  
last doctor told me I should live  
for probably another 25 years.  
But what does he know? Allah  
might call me to heaven any  
minute."

The Montreal Junior Board of  
Trade, recently formed, is getting  
into its stride and grappling with  
the problems of the day. A com-  
mittee has just been formed, with  
N. J. Walsh as chairman, to study  
the difficult question of "Traffic  
Control in the City, with regard to  
Safety Zones, Stop Lights and  
Pedestrian Traffic." The report,  
when completed, will be submitted  
to the senior body, the Montreal  
Board of Trade.

The Governor Stanfield Cup for  
the winning team in the potato  
judging contest at the Short Course  
and Seed Show at the Agricultural  
College at Truro, was won by the  
Annapolis County team of Walter  
Read and Bernard Langley with a  
total of 278 points out of a possible  
300.

## FINE BIRDS' FINE FEATHERS.

What The Zoo Does With All  
Its "Cast-Offs."

Casting a fly made of tiny  
fragments of birds of paradise  
plumes is the privilege of an-  
giers who are also Fellows of  
the Zoological Society. Feathers  
from all the rare birds in the Zoo  
are carefully saved by the keep-  
ers and enterprising Fellows  
find many curious uses for them.  
Mr. J. Bailey, Overseer of Birds,  
said:

"The feathers of parrots and  
birds with brightly coloured  
plumage are always in great de-  
mand for decorating. They  
make beautiful fire screens.  
Pelican quills make excellent  
floats for fishermen, and the  
feathers of the flamingoes are un-  
equalled pipe-cleaners.

## For "Red Indians."

"The Argus pheasant has fine  
tail feathers, which women fre-  
quently covet for their hats. Oc-  
casionally we get egret plumes,  
but these are usually much soiled  
and not suitable for hats.  
Raven feathers are often begged  
by musicians, for the quills from  
these birds are used to pluck the  
strings of harpsichords. Fellows  
with small children often ask for  
a vulture's feather or, better  
still, an eagle plume, because  
playing Red Indians is still a  
good game, while for fancy-dress  
Indian chiefs are always popular.  
"Some of our feathers are  
given to the leopards and other  
flesh-eating animals more or less  
as physic. In the jungle they eat  
birds—feathers and all—but  
they do not get so many here,  
and we find that a few feathers  
now and then tone up the system  
wonderfully."

According to MacLean Building  
Reports, Limited, March construc-  
tion contracts throughout Canada  
amounted to \$27,311,600. This was  
an increase of 5.3 per cent. over the  
awards for February and a 12.6 per  
cent. increase above the total for  
March, 1930. Prospects for Spring  
work are at least equal to that of a  
year ago. The construction of  
business buildings assumed a  
greater proportion of all contracts  
throughout Canada during March  
than any other group; \$10,080,800  
worth of contracts were awarded in  
this group, which was 36.9 per cent.  
of all construction. Engineering  
work continued high with \$9,938,  
800 or 36.6 per cent. Residential  
work came off 20.4 per cent. or  
\$5,568,700 and industrial 6.1 per  
cent. or \$1,689,000.

RADIO  
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will  
be broadcast to-day from the  
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station  
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365  
metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
6-8.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's  
Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-  
gramme of Victor Records.  
7-7.28 p.m.—Band Selections.  
High School Cadets—March (Sousa),  
Under the Double Eagle—March  
(Wagner) ... Sousa's Band (19371).  
The Warbler's Serenade (Perry),  
The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor),  
Arthur Pryor's Band (19369).  
Electric March (Crescent),  
American Army March (Russell),  
Crescent's Band (19344).  
Over the Waves—Waltz (Rosas),  
La Paloma (Yradier),  
Arthur Pryor's Band (19378).  
7.28-8 p.m.—Organ Solos.  
Prelude in C Minor (Chopin),  
Archer Gibson (35932).  
Largo (Handel),  
Mark Andrews (35938).  
Introduction and Fugue (Liszt),  
Fernando Germani (35960).  
The Old Refrain,  
A Perfect Day (Jacobs-Bond),  
Archer Gibson (36019).  
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather  
Report.

8.30-8.28 p.m.—Orchestral.  
Alicia Suite (Handel),  
Philharmonic Symphony Orch.  
of New York (14355).  
Espana Rhapsody (Chabrier),  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra  
(1837).  
Hungarian Dance No. 6 (Brahms),  
Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms),  
San Francisco Symphony  
Orchestra (1296).  
Song Without Words (Tschalkowsky),  
Philadelphia Symphony Orch.  
(1111).  
8.28-9.09 p.m.—Instrumental.  
Harp Solo—  
Old Folks at Home (Foster),  
Alberto Salvi (4001).  
Piano Solo—  
Impromptu in A Flat (Chopin),  
Chorale (Bach),  
Harold Bauer (1876).  
Duo—  
Seven Variations on a Theme from  
"The Magic Flute"  
(Mozart-Beethoven),  
Pablo Casals (Cellist) and  
Alfred Cortot (Pianist)  
(3047).  
Violin Solo—  
Legend of the Canyon (Cadenman),  
Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler),  
Fritz Kreisler (1092).  
Piano Solo—  
Passepied (Leo Delibes),  
Shepherd's Hey (Grieg),  
The Oomp Gabbowitch (1095).  
Violoncello Solo—  
Adagio (Bach-Silotti-Casals),  
Goyescas-Intermezzo (Granados),  
Pablo Casals (6635).  
9.09-9.51 p.m.—Concert Items.  
The Little Dominoes  
(Wesley-Novello),  
Simone (White-Rumbold).

## INDIAN WHEAT.

Railway Freight Reduction  
Agreed To.

Karachi, May 11.

The conference which began  
yesterday between Mr. Colvin, mem-  
ber of the Railway Board, and re-  
presentatives of European and In-  
dian merchants on the question of  
wheat exports ended this evening.  
It is understood that European and  
Indian merchants put before Mr.  
Colvin a unanimous scheme, favour-  
ing a general reduction of railway  
freight on wheat transported to  
Karachi, whereby on all wheat  
meant for local consumption, not for  
export, the difference between the  
current and reduced rates would be  
recovered.

Mr. Colvin is returning to Simla  
to-morrow to place the proposal be-  
fore the Railway Board.

Simla, May 12.  
It is understood that the Gov-  
ernment of India have decided to  
reduce the freight on the trans-  
portation of wheat to Karachi.  
New schedules of rates are being  
prepared.

DUTCH AND RUBBER  
RESTRICTION.Main Factors Against  
Compulsion.

## DR. BERNARD'S ATTITUDE.

In connection with the recent  
official denial given by the D. E. I.  
Government to our Java correspon-  
dent of the policy (alleged to have  
been stated by Dr. Bernard, Direc-  
tor of the Department of Agricul-  
ture, Industry and Trade of the  
D.E.I.) that the Government is re-  
fusing to allocate land for padi  
growing in order to induce natives  
to use rubber land for the purpose,  
the following Amsterdam message  
is of interest:

Dr. Charles Bernard has made a  
statement to a representative of the  
Allgemein. Handelsblatt on sugar  
and rubber restriction. He would  
be prepared it seems, to take into  
serious consideration any scheme  
that might be devised in regard to  
rubber restriction, but subject to  
conditions which up to the present  
have not been fulfilled.

Nevertheless, there seems little  
chance that the Government will  
interfere in the rubber crisis.

Before his departure from  
Batavia Dr. Bernard sent a mem-  
orandum to the Dutch Colonial  
Minister in which various plans, in-  
cluding that of Sir George Maxwell,  
and twenty other schemes are dis-  
cussed. None of these has fulfilled  
the requirements of the Govern-  
ment for action on behalf of rubber  
restriction.

Uncontrollable Native.

He cites other factors which are  
preventing the adoption of rubber  
restriction. In the first instance  
there are many growers who are  
strongly opposed to any form of  
limitation.

Secondly, the large United States  
owned plantations are producing  
for their own factories, so that any  
restriction would involve great dif-  
ficulties with the United States.

Lastly, native production is an  
uncontrollable factor.

No results can be expected from  
a scheme composed of retrenchment  
of the area, because by means of  
carefully selected trees production  
would soon show a rise. More-  
over, statistics show that the large  
increase of production is not to be  
attributed, as is generally done, to  
native producers, but to European  
planters.

no scheme which would especially  
strike at native production, he adds.  
Finally, he says that a scheme  
based on controlled exports is un-  
workable, because it is impossible to  
arrive at a satisfactory distribu-  
tion of world production between  
the various consuming countries.

SHOT WHILE PLAYING  
DRAUGHTS.Gun Fired Through The  
Window.

Harold Cowell, of Broadmead  
Hurnway, Christchurch (Hants),  
was shot in the head in his own  
home apparently by some person  
outside the house.

He was playing draughts with his  
wife, when a gun was fired through  
a single pane of a diamond-paned  
window.

The police are making inquiries  
under Superintendent Jacobs.  
Cowell, who has been admitted to  
Boscombe Hospital, is making fair  
progress.

Should Children be  
Deceived?

It is a curious fact that people who  
have no children themselves are often  
loudest and most dogmatic in their  
theories as to how children should be  
brought up. Parents, who have to  
face this by no means simple prob-  
lem, listen, but don't argue, because they  
know from experience that theories  
and actualities somehow don't seem to  
run parallel.

All parents know that children are  
quicker little people and even brothers  
and sisters of the same family require  
different handling.

"In the difficult matter of the ad-  
ministration of children's medicines it  
is sufficient with some children to  
simply point out the necessity, and  
the benefit that will be derived. With  
others it seems that a team of horses  
would not be sufficient to make them  
open their tight-shut little jaws.

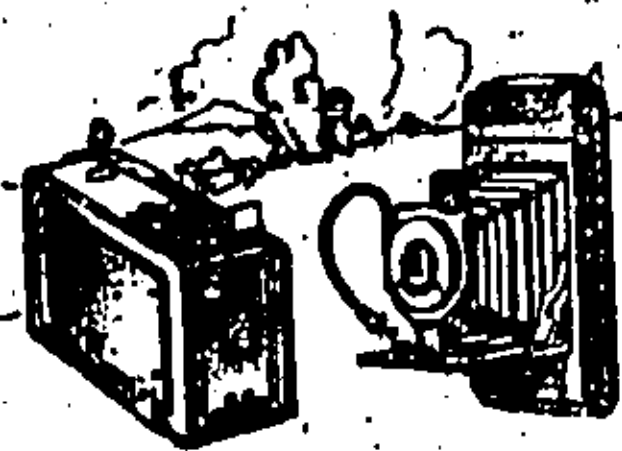
With the latter type, parents who  
use Baby's Own Tablets have no dif-  
ficulty. Many children believe that  
these pleasant-tasting little tablets  
are really sweets and parents do not  
undervalue them. It does no harm to  
let the little ones go on thinking that.  
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matters. Baby's Own Tablets have  
been designed to fill the need for a  
perfect health-regulator for babies  
and children. They eliminate the un-  
pleasant features of the old-fashioned  
laxatives which are so harsh on a  
child's delicate internal mechanism.  
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to check diarrhoea, expel worms,  
allay fever, colds and croup. During  
teething they are especially invaluable,  
easing pain instantly and thus in-  
ducing sound, natural sleep, al-  
though they are guaranteed to con-  
tain no narcotic or opiate drugs of  
any kind. Every mother should keep  
Baby's Own Tablets in the home.



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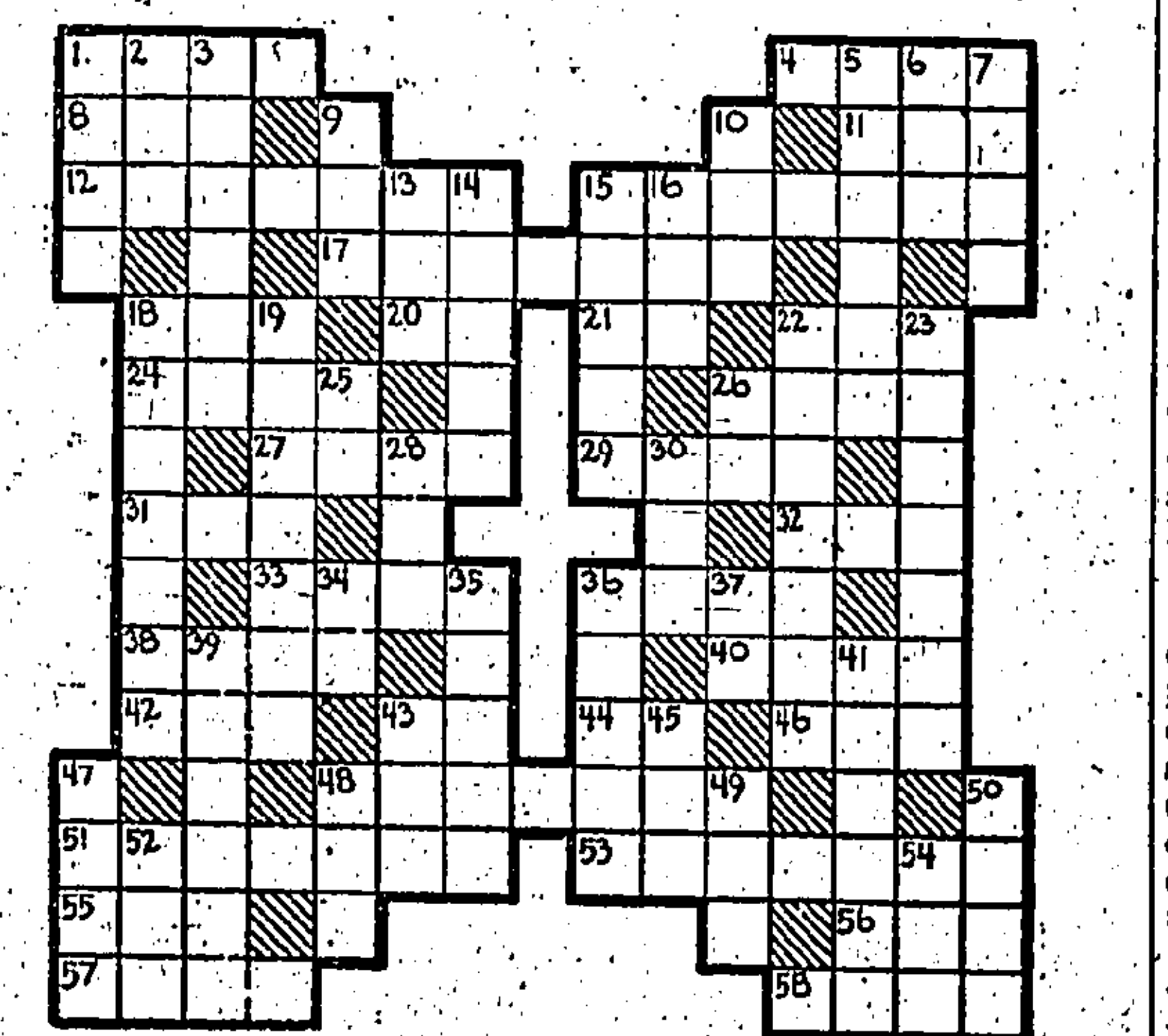
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**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**  
1-Destiny  
4-To move swiftly  
8-A time-period  
11-Ocean  
12-Ductile  
15-Ally  
17-Island between  
Borneo and the  
Philippine Islands  
18-Suitable  
20-Prefix-two  
21-Indefinite article  
22-An opening or  
breach  
24-A land measure  
25-Stem of a tree  
27-Prefix-before  
28-Labor  
31-A measure of weight  
32-Interest (abbr.)  
33-Rests  
35-A covered porch  
(Gr. Arch.)  
38-Front part of leg  
below the knee  
40-A colonial body  
42-Skill  
43-Musical note
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
44-Interrogative Inter-  
jection  
46-Possessive pronoun  
48-A number  
51-A component or  
essential part  
53-A soldier in the  
ranks  
54-Ever, contracted  
56-Born  
57-To cease  
58-Let stand (proof  
reading)  
**VERTICAL**  
1-A festival  
2-Scots  
3-Acid; obtained from  
gall-nuts  
4-Referring to the  
stars  
5-Large lake in C.  
Ireland  
7-A small fruit pie  
8-To incline  
10-Lair  
16-Boy  
17-Childhood part of  
society
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
19-To expect  
20-To anatomize  
21-A mental caprice  
22-Act of passing over  
or through  
23-Giant slain by David  
25-Annoys  
26-Half an em  
28-Prefix-two  
29-A small child  
30-One of the grains  
32-Intro.  
33-A light or air pas-  
sage in a mine  
34-Preloquious  
37-A bone (Latin)  
38-Combining form  
41-Tel. prefix  
42-Swimming organ of  
fish  
45-Possessive pronoun  
47-The stilling of  
liquor  
48-Not many  
49-Many  
50-A vegetable  
52-To permit  
54-A gift turn

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in  
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

**MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS**

**'STRANGLEHOLD OF U.S. FILMS.**

95 Per Cent. of World's Supply.

**BRITISH AT FAULT.**

Remarkable figures disclosing the almost complete stranglehold which the American film industry has upon the cinema world have just been published in the yearly statement of the Association of Motion Picture Producers of America, says the London Morning Post.

According to this statement, the estimated capital invested in the world cinema industry is \$500,000,000, of which the approximate capital in America is \$400,000,000.

The United States produces 95 per cent. of the world's supply of pictures.

The picture industry is the fourth largest of all the industries in the United States.

Capital in Coast (Hollywood and district) Studio Properties is \$16,000,000.

Estimated American production schedule for the current year, \$40,000,000.

The number of people employed in the industry in America, 375,000.

Six billion linear feet of film are manufactured and used annually.

About 25,000 miles of film pass through the American film exchanges each day.

15,000 picture advertisements are placed daily in various media, and the annual cost of motion picture publicity is \$20,000,000.

The weekly picture attendance in the United States is 115,000,000, out of a world total of 250,000,000.

Gross takings in American cinemas yearly are \$312,000,000.

This is the problem that the British film industry has to face. Moreover, it must be borne in mind that American films imported here have usually not only paid off their cost of production in their native country, but have also returned a substantial dividend. Furthermore, there are various ways and means whereby income tax or any other tax is not paid on such films in this country, so that every penny they earn in our cinemas goes to assist American producers to make large, and better films, to beat producers on this side of the Atlantic.

**American Banks.**

The figures quoted make it clear why, in America, the biggest banks and corporations have controlling interests in the great film production units of that country. The new directors of the Fox Film Company include Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. Philip Stockton, President of the First National Bank of Boston, Mr. Philip Clarke, President of the Central Trust Company of Illinois, Mr. Frank O. Watts, Chairman of the First National Bank of St. Louis, and Mr. George M. Moffett.

This is but one company, and it is well known that behind Western Electric and Radio Corporation are some of the most powerful financiers in the whole of the United States.

One other significant fact comes out of this notice of the reorganisation of Fox Films. After stating that Fox owns over 500 theatres in the United States and 90 in Australia, it is added: "It also controls the Metropolitan and Bradford Trust Company, Limited, which owns 65 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of Gaumont-British Picture Corporation."

How does the British industry stand against this gigantic industry? In production costs, compared with the annual expenditure of \$40,000,000 in America, we may spend about \$2,000,000. With such expenditure, how can we hope to compete with America, and how can we hope to get into America in the face of such competition?

There is, however, one factor where the advantage, apparently, is with this country. In the United States there are just over 17,000 cinemas. If, to this total, is added the number of theatres in Latin America, the United States' natural market, the full total is 22,000. In our natural market, the British Isles and the Continent, there are 28,454 theatres. It is a disturbing reflection, however, (Continued at foot of next Column.)

**MR. MAUGHAM AND "THE CIRCLE."**

Fallacy of "Natural" Dialogue.

**HOW PLAYS ARE MADE.**

If this interview is disjointed it is because my talk with Mr. Somerset Maugham took place in the Vaudeville Theatre during what is technically known as a "photo-call." At every crucial point, in the conversation a flash and a bang on the stage lifted us both off our seats, although the actors and actresses, used to being photographed, carried on quite composedly, Mr. Maugham told me that he was seeing "The Circle" for the first time. He was in Java when the comedy was originally staged at the Haymarket.

I asked him if the actors added much to the play.

"A very great deal," he said, "and so do the audience. An author really doesn't know his play until it is put on the stage. The whole thing is a collaboration between the dramatist, the actors, and the audience. The actors add their personalities, and I discover there are jokes in the dialogue that I did not know existed. I can sit in the theatre in a quite detached way and laugh at them myself. I have heard Ethel Barrymore put so much meaning into a single word that what I imagined was an ordinary phrase became something exceedingly witty."

**Lessons of Rehearsal.**

"Have you usually attended the rehearsals of your plays?"

"I do so whenever I can, because I learn so much from them. It is in the theatre that the dramatist really learns his business. Yes," Mr. Maugham said with a smile after we had recovered from another flash on the stage. "I am still learning. Watching a producer at work the dramatist sees what situations carry and the sort of dialogue that is effective. The most surprising things happen. Some years ago I brought out a play called 'The Unknown.' When I was writing it I thought it was a drama of situation; it had not struck me that the argument of the play was the really dramatic thing about the piece. At the rehearsals I discovered that the drama lay not in the emotional situation at all, but in the argument; that on the stage it became a different play. It is almost impossible to visualise this on paper."

"Do you actually add much at rehearsals?"

"Very little," Mr. Maugham said, "but I revise a great deal after I have written the first draft of a play. No, I do not work from a synopsis: I turn an idea over in my mind until I get tired of it. Then I write straight ahead, and the first draft usually takes me a month or six weeks to get down on paper. In this way I keep the spontaneity of the story."

**The Stage and "Real Life."**

"Have you set out consciously to satirise the life of to-day?"

"No, within the limitations of the stage I try to represent life as I see it. As a matter of fact, I do not believe that the stage has much to do with life. There must be a similitude to life, but pure naturalism, which I prefer to the word realism, is not effective. I have a notion that in the future the theatre will become even more theatrical, and I cannot understand the critics who slam a piece because it is theatrical. It is absurd. When you praise a picture, you praise it for being pictorial."

"Natural dialogue is no good, except in plays that depend entirely on situation, in which, of course, what people say matters very little."

that American exports of films last year exceeded \$4,000,000.

**A Long Way To Go.**

Not only have we not yet discovered the way to unlock the "golden gate" of America, with its \$300,000,000 annual box office returns; and not only are we not in possession of the Continental market, but we are not even in possession of our own market. Big finance in this country has fought shy, as yet, of films. That, to some extent, has been the industry's own fault, and reflects its failure to organise itself properly.

Over two years ago, the Morning Post, stated that the only way for the British film industry to get on its feet was to copy America and build up a central agency similar to the Hays Organisation. Jealousy, however, it was suggested, would prevent the formation of such an organisation.

But big finance itself is equally to blame. It forgets that films are the finest means of commercial advertising that the world has yet seen. It forgets that "Trade follows the Film," and that "For every foot of film sold in a foreign country a dollar's worth of trade comes back."

the spot and then work it out at a later date. I have found that it is a mistake to write at once. It is better to get an impression of a place and then deal with it afterwards. Otherwise, all kinds of irrelevancies get into the story.

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"Lysistrata" has been playing in Pittsburgh and Mr. Clark attended a performance. Conferring with the producer afterwards, Mr. Clark waxed eloquent on the indecency of the play, saying it is vulgar to the core. He has now announced that only if the "dirty and vulgar" are removed will he permit the play to continue.

As he is a great traveller I asked Mr. Maugham if he went abroad chiefly to find material for his plays and stories.

"I travel for pleasure," he replied, "but I have a natural nose for material. Wherever I am themes thrust themselves at me. I get an idea and make elaborate notes on

the spot and then work it out at a later date. I have found that it is a mistake to write at once. It is better to get an impression of a place and then deal with it afterwards. Otherwise, all kinds of irrelevancies get into the story.

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"Lysistrata" has been playing in Pittsburgh and Mr. Clark attended a performance. Conferring with the producer afterwards, Mr. Clark waxed eloquent on the indecency of the play, saying it is vulgar to the core. He has now announced that only if the "dirty and vulgar" are removed will he permit the play to continue.

As he is a great traveller I asked Mr. Maugham if he went abroad chiefly to find material for his plays and stories.

"I travel for pleasure," he replied, "but I have a natural nose for material. Wherever I am themes thrust themselves at me. I get an idea and make elaborate notes on

**DREISER ATTACKS HOLLYWOOD.**

**Trade's Unwillingness to Face Realism.**

Mr. Theodore Dreiser, the author, who recently slapped Mr. Sinclair Lewis, has made a violent attack on Hollywood, whence he has returned to New York after seeing what the film producers have done with his book, "An American Tragedy." He said he had been "led through double doors to meet generalisations, who jumped around like monkeys and talked like children," but discovered they had drastically altered his book until "it pictures me as writing something I never in the world could have written."

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**HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.**

**APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.**

Butcher Meat.				1931. 1918. 1914.			
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾清	lb.	33	24	12		
Prime Cut	肉	lb.	30	28	11		
Corned	咸肉	lb.	23	12			
Roast	肉	lb.	33	24	22		
Breast	肉	lb.	30	20	18		
Soup	湯	lb.	27	20	18		
Steak	肉	lb.	33	24	22		
Steak Sirloin	肉	lb.	46	30	35		
Sausages	肉	lb.	38	26	20		
Bullock's Brains	腦	per set	17	10	12		
Tongue, fresh	牛	each	75	60	60		
Tongue, corned	牛	each	—	—	—		
Head	牛	lb.	1.20	—	1.20		
Heart	牛	lb.	24	18	13		
Hump, Salt	牛	lb.	—	—	18		
Feet	牛	each	12	10	12		
Kidneys	牛	lb.	15	10	12		
Tail	牛	lb.	27	20	22		
Liver	牛	lb.	24	13	14		
Tripe	牛	lb.	8	6	7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛	set	1.60	1.00	1.00		
Mutton Chop	羊	lb.	44	26	—		
Leg	羊	lb.	44	26	—		
Shoulder	羊	lb.	40	24	—		
Saddle	羊	lb.	44	—	—		
Pig's Chittlings	猪	lb.	30	27	—		
Brains	猪	Per set	8	—	—		
Feet	猪	lb.	16	15	—		
Fry	猪	lb.	28	15	18		
Head	猪	lb.	18	20	—		
Heart	猪	each	15	10	10		
Kidneys	猪	lb.	15	10	8		
Liver	猪	lb.	48	30	24		
Pork Chop	猪	lb.	36	25	28		
Leg	猪	lb.	38	—	—		
Loin	猪	lb.	44	30	70		
Fat or Lard	猪	lb.	26	21	—		
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	per set	90	60	70		
Heart	羊	each	12	8	7		
Kidneys	羊	lb.	15	12	10		
Liver	羊	lb.	45	26	25		
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	lb.	25	25	22		
Suet, Beef	牛	lb.	30	20	18		
Mutton	羊	lb.	36	26	26		
Veal	牛	lb.	22	20	20		
Sausages	牛	lb.	23	—	—		
No. 1.			32	—	—		
<b>Fish.</b>							
Barbel	魚	lb.	43	16	24		
Bream	魚	lb.	30	20	18		
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	30	—	—		
Carp	魚	lb.	30	13	19		
Codfish	魚	lb.	36	16	27		
Codfish	魚	lb.	34	12	9		
Crabs	魚	lb.	42	16	17		
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	24	23	23		
Dab	魚	lb.	26	10	27		
Dace	魚	lb.	42	23	16		
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	21	10	—		
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	38	10	8		
Fresh Water	魚	lb.	38	16	—		
Yellow	魚	lb.	42	10	8		
Frogs	魚	lb.	70	26	30		
Garopna	魚	lb.	74	32	25		
Gudgwa	魚	lb.	23	40	30		
Herring	魚	lb.	28	22	13		
Hallbut	魚	lb.	32	13	23		
Labrus	魚	lb.	34	18	15		
Loach	魚	lb.	68	32	13		
Loach	魚	lb.	56	62	24		
Lobsters	魚	lb.	35	32	21		
Mackerel	魚	lb.	40	20	20		
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	85	18	2		
Mullet	魚	lb.	85	12	2		
Oysters	魚	lb.	25	14	9		
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	26	30	16		
Pike	魚	lb.	40	10	9		
Plaice	魚	lb.	42	38	29		
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	46	36	30		
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	30	36	45		
Prawns	魚	lb.	70	10	14		
Ray	魚	lb.	24	10	14		
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	24	18	18		
Salmon	魚	lb.	82	22	10		
Salmon	魚	lb.	48	36	30		
Shark	魚	lb.	20	8	10		
Shrimp	魚	lb.	20	10	10		
Shrimp	魚	lb.	52	38	30		
Snapper	魚	lb.	42	28	28		
Sole	魚	lb.	38	22	28		
Tuna	魚	lb.	32	26	26		
Trout	魚	lb.	32	12	12		
Trout, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	1.15	40	—		
<b>Poultry.</b>							
Chickens	雞	lb.	60	30	31		
Capons, Small	雞	lb.	60	23	30		
Capons, Large	雞	lb.	65	23	30		
Duck	鴨	lb.	45	22	21		
Doves	鳩	each	50	22	21		
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	33	18	—		
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	lb.	38	25	20		
Fowls, Canton	新地	lb.	68	39	24		
Fowls, Hainan	海南	lb.	58	35	24		
Geese	鴨	lb.	46	24	24		
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40	80	—		
Bobow	鴿	lb.	35	28	—		
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	—	—		
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	60	31	45		
Snipe	沙	each	28	—	—		
Pheasant	山	pair	3.50	—	—		
Quail	鶉	each	45	—	—		
Partridges	鶉	each	45	—	—		
<b>Fruits.</b>							
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	85	—		
Apples (California)	金山	lb.	34	26	—		
Bananas (birds's)	蕉	lb.	12	4	—		
Carambola	楊桃	lb.	12	—	—		
Cocanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10		
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25	30		
Lemons (American)	金山	each	13	8	—		
Liches, Dried	荔枝	lb.	90	25	30		
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	lb.	34	—	—		
Oranges	橙	lb.	55	—	15		
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	lb.	40	—	—		
Peanuts	花生	lb.	14	10	12		
Perseimmons, Large	紅大	lb.	12	—	—		
Plantain	蕉	lb.	5	8	—		
Pumelo, Slam	暹羅柚	each	26	12	6		
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	34	—	16		
Grapes	葡萄	lb.	00	—	—		
<b>Vegetables, &amp;c.</b>							
Artichokes	菜花	each	14	—	2		
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5	—	7		
" Long	豆苗	lb.	20	—	8		
Beet Root	紅菜	lb.	10	—	—		
Bitter Squash	青瓜	lb.	10	24	—		
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	lb.	6	5	8		
" Red	紅瓜	lb.	6	5	8		
Cabbage, Chinese	紅頭菜	lb.	10	—	—		
(Shanghai)	上海	lb.	18	12	—		
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筴	lb.	8	—	—		
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	—	—	—		
(Medium)	中花椰菜	each	—	—	—		
(Small)	小花椰菜	each	—	—	—		
Carrots	金菜	lb.	6	5	6		
Cherry, Chinese	櫻桃	lb.	16	10	6		
Chillies, Dried	紅乾	lb.	14	25	5		
" Red	紅乾	lb.	10	10	10		
" Green	綠乾	lb.	8	8	12		
Curry Stuff, English	印度香料	lb.	10	8	—		
Cucumbers	黃瓜	lb.	6	2	—		
Garlic	蒜	lb.	8	6	6		
Ginger, Young	薑	lb.	10	7	—		
" Old	老薑	lb.	8	20	—		
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海	lb.	40	8	4		
Indian Corn	玉米	lb.	9	45	—		
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—		
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	lb.	12	—	8		
" Mandarin	桂花	lb.	60	—	8		
Mushrooms, Fresh	蘑菇	lb.	10	8	8		
Okroos	茄子	lb.	6	4	6		
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	lb.	8	6	—		
" Green	綠蔥	lb.	15	60	8		
" Shanghai	上海	lb.	8	8	—		
Parley	芹菜	lb.	5	3	—		
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	lb.	4	8	—		
" Japanese	日本	lb.	4	8	—		
" American	金山	lb.	5	4	4		
Pumpkin	冬瓜	lb.	7	—	10		
Radish	紅頭菜	lb.	18	—	8		
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大根	lb.	8	—	10		
Shallots	小蔥	lb.	0	8	—		
Spinach	菠菜	lb.	14	4	—		
Tomatoes	番茄	lb.	5	7	—		
Taro	芋頭	lb.	0	0	—		
Turnips, Punt (Long)	長根	lb.	0	4	—		
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	lb.	8	15	—		
Water Cress	水芹	lb.	4	15	—		
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	lb.	4	15	—		



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### GERMANS CHARMED BY RECEPTION.

British Ministers to Go to Berlin.

WARM HOSPITAL.

Rugby, Yesterday. Before he embarked from Southampton on his return to Germany Dr. Brüning to-day sent a telegram to the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, thanking him for "the most charming hospitality extended to Dr. Curtius and myself," and expressing gratitude for the warm reception accorded them by the British Government and people.

Dr. Curtius also telegraphed a similar message to the Foreign Secretary.

Appropriate replies were sent by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson, who, as stated in an earlier message, have both accepted the invitation to pay a return visit to Berlin on a date which is to be fixed later. —British Wireless Service.

Of Helpful Nature.

London, Yesterday.

The memorable visit of Dr. Brüning and Dr. Curtius to Britain has terminated with their departure from Southampton in the destroyer Winchester, which conveyed them to their liner lying in Cowes Roads.

Before leaving, they expressed the opinion that their conversations here with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and other Ministers would do much to help international co-operation.

Messrs. MacDonald and Arthur Henderson accepted an invitation to pay a return visit to Germany, but no date has been fixed. —Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA'S DEBT.

SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURE.

NATIONAL APPEAL.

Melbourne, Yesterday. The voluntary conversion of Australia's internal debt in order to avert the risk of default, contemplated in the Premier's Conference, the report of which is supported by the Opposition Parties, emphasises that a substantial reduction in expenditure is an essential preliminary to the restoration of prosperity.

It outlines for this purpose a conversion plan involving the saving of 22½ per cent. in the debt services, and appeals to all to share in the sacrifice in the interests of the country.

The Conference proposes the appointment of a national appeal executive, consisting of the Premier (Mr. Scullin), the leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lyons) and the chairman of the Commonwealth Bank (Sir Robert Gibson) to direct the conversion campaign. —Reuter.

### HOME BY-ELECTION.

GATESHEAD RETAINED BY LABOUR.

SMALLER MAJORITY.

London, Yesterday. The by-election at Gateshead, owing to the death of the Labour member, Sir James Melville, resulted as follows:

Major Evans (Lab.) 22,898.  
Colonel Headlam (Con.) 21,501.

Labour Majority ... 1,392.  
—Reuter.

### SUEZ CANAL DUES CONTROVERSY.

British Government Has No Responsibility.

MATTER FOR SHIPOWNERS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Replying to a Parliamentary question to-day the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. Graham, said that the British Government had from time to time supported with general interest the proposals for reasonable reductions in the Suez Canal and, in particular, had lent their support to proposals for a reduction in the present level of dues.

Regarding the precise provisions of the 1883 Suez Canal agreement — which, as a questioner stated, provided for the reduction of dues to five gold francs when the Canal dividend reached 25 per cent. — Mr. Graham pointed out that the agreement appeared to have been concluded between the association of steamship owners trading with the East on the one hand, and the Suez Canal Company on the other. The British Government were not a party to the agreement and any question of securing compliance with its terms would seem a matter for the shipowners concerned. —British Wireless Service.

### POWDER TINS MADE INTO BOMBS.

Sent Through Post to Prominent Australians.

"CLUMSY ATTEMPT."

Clumsy bombs, in small boxes, delivered by post, have reached the Chief Justice (Sir Adrian Knox), Mr. Davidson, the manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Mr. Warwick Fairfax, proprietor of the Sydney Herald, Sir Samuel Hordern, president of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, and Sir Alfred Meeks, member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

A man called at the Herald office to warn Mr. Fairfax not to open a parcel which was coming by mail. He agreed to accompany a representative of the Herald to the police station, where he told a sensational story of an international secret society. He said that he became entangled with it in Egypt, and alleged that the society had blackmailed him and tried to force him to deliver the bombs. When he threatened to inform the police they assaulted him.

Matches and Glue.

Detectives received the boxes on their delivery and found inside tins, containing two ounces of ordinary smokeless gunpowder. The ignition points consisted of wax vestas stuck on paper with glue and surrounded by loose powder.

Chief Detective Inspector Mackay regards the affair as ill-conceived and clumsy. He says that if ignition had occurred while opening the parcel it might have caused blindness and other personal injury, but not death. He discredits the secret society story.

### RECORD FLIGHT.

SCOTT CONGRATULATED BY THE KING.

Rugby, Yesterday. H.M. the King has sent through the Secretary for Air a

### MOUNTAIN VIGIL OF LONDON BOY.

Waiting For Help That Came Too Late.

BESIDE DYING UNCLE.

The story of a London school-boy's vigil on the top of Helvellyn, the Lake district mountain, waiting for the arrival of a rescue party which did not come in time to save the life of his uncle, has been told at Morecambe. The boy is Jack Kitchen, aged 15, the son of Mr. Fred Kitchen. He lives in Mount Nod Road, Streatham, S.W., and is a pupil at the Streatham Grammar School.

The dead man was Mr. Arthur Wilson Waterfall, aged 63, proprietor of the Hotel Metropole, Morecambe. With him on the climbing expedition were his son Maurice and Jack Kitchen. When they reached the summit of Helvellyn after lunch, Mr. Waterfall began to feel the strain of the climb. His son decided to seek help while Jack Kitchen stayed with Mr. Waterfall.

Lost in the Mist.

In the mist young Mr. Waterfall lost his way, eventually reaching a lowland road. He had to go 80 miles back in a car. Then he met his cousin Jack, who had become anxious about the delay.

Together they returned to the top of Helvellyn, with a carrying party to help Mr. Waterfall. When they reached him he was dead. It was then 6.30 p.m. The descent with the dead man took nearly five hours.

Young Jack Kitchen, who is now waiting for the inquest, told of his anxious wait by the side of his uncle. He said: "My cousin went for help and I stayed on. I waited what seemed to be an endless time, but no rescue party came. It was hard to decide what to do. Uncle was very ill, and I became so anxious that I went down to fetch help myself. On the way I met my cousin, who had been lost in the mist."

### SERVANT PROBLEM.

COMMISSION TO ENQUIRE INTO CONDITIONS.

STATUS OF OCCUPATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The House of Commons to-day granted a private member leave to introduce a Domestic Service Bill with the object of setting up a Commission of five members, of whom the Chairman and two others would be women, to review comprehensively the conditions of employment of domestic servants, and improve the status of their occupation.

It was claimed that the measure would be in the interests of servants and their mistresses and that the Commission could draw up a charter making general such standard of work and wages as existed among good employers. —British Wireless Service.

congratulatory message to Capt. W. A. Scott on breaking the record by his flight from Australia to Britain.

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